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Israeli warplanes attack Palestinian refugee camps

BEIRUT, April 10 (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes raided Palestinian camps south of Beirut Tuesday as the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion in a Tel Aviv market earlier in the day.

Palestinian officials said the raid inflicted scores of casualties. Damour, where Palestinian refugees live along with a number of Lebanese, is 24 kms south of Beirut.

The officials said several houses were destroyed and "scores of Lebanese and Palestinians" were killed or wounded in the 20-minute pounding of Damour.

Israeli planes also hit residential areas in the Tyre region, further south 10 minutes after the attack on Damour began, they added.

Several refugee camps are located in the region.

Reports from the south said eight Israeli planes carried out the raid on the Rashidiyah refugee camp near Tyre.

Puffs of smoke could be seen rising from the camps. Palestinian commandos and their leftist allies attacked the planes with ground fire, they added.

UAE to withdraw troops from Beirut peace force

ABUDHABI, April 10, (R) — The United Arab Emirates will pull out its 700 soldiers from the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon on April 27, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said Tuesday.

The mandate of the force, set up in 1976 by the Arab League to end a civil war in the Lebanon, expires on April 27.

WAM said the UAE government conveyed its decision to the Lebanese embassy in Abu Dhabi.

The move, which followed a similar decision by Saudi Arabia recently, came while the Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss is touring the Gulf countries to brief them on his government's actions on restoring law and order throughout the country and rebuilding the Lebanese armed

The planes also flew low over Ain al-Hilweh and Miyeh Wamiyb refugee camps near Sidon where they were met with more ground fire, the reports said. Damour came under attack at 1745 p.m. (1545GMT) five hours after a bomb explosion in Tel Aviv's Carmel market killed one Israeli and wounded 22 others by Israeli count.

In Tel Aviv, the army said Israeli warplanes attacked two Palestinian bases in southern Lebanon.

The army spokesman said the attacks were carried out on bases at Damour and at Ras al-Ain, near Tyre, in strikes on bases of Fateh, the military arm of the PLO.

The army said the attacks were carried out after 5 p.m. (1500GMT) and that all the Israeli aircraft returned safely.

The army said the air raid was aimed at commando bases from which attacks had been made against Israel.

On Dec. 20, Israeli warplanes struck three Palestinian bases in Lebanon in retaliation for incidents inside Israel. That attack was made few hours after six persons were wounded in a Jerusalem bombing.

On Jan. 16, Israeli commandos

attacked Ras al-Ain and on Jan. 19, a large Israeli ground force marched into south Lebanon to attack commando positions at Arnoun and al-Ayishiyah.

Earlier Tuesday the Palestinian resistance movement claimed responsibility for the explosion in Tel Aviv, and said at least 50 persons were killed or wounded.

A spokesman for the general command of the Palestinian Revolution said in Damascus the operation was code-named "the martyr Kamal Adwan".

Adwan and two other Palestinian commando leaders — Kamal Nasser and Muhammad Youssef al-Najjar — were killed by Israeli agents in Beirut on this date six years ago.

The spokesman regarded the Israeli attack as "an obvious reprisal against our heroic operation in the Carmel Market".

He said "an underground squad of our interior forces acting inside occupied Palestine planted the charge in the market".

Tel Aviv Police commander Moshe Tiomkin said the bomb consisted of half a kilogram of explosives fixed under the cover of a shirt stall in the open-air market.

The market was cleared of shoppers preparing for the Jewish Passover holiday starting Wednesday night.

Police searched the area for more explosives, and set up roadblocks.

The injured were rushed to hospital and three were reported in a serious condition.

Police Corporal Hirsch Ariv said he saw a woman flung into the air by the force of the blast.

"I was driving through the market in my jeep on a regular inspection when I heard the explosion five meters behind me. I saw the body of a woman hurtling through the air. I reversed the jeep and picked up eight wounded and drove them to hospital."

Commissioner Tiomkin said police had been put on the alert in case of Palestinian attacks during the holiday period.

He said shop and stall owners in all open air markets frequent sites for attacks — have been warned to check for any suspicious objects and security forces have stepped up patrols.

Jordan, PLO open talks on occupied lands

AMMAN, April 10 (R) — Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) started talks here Tuesday on ways of helping Palestinians in the occupied territories to withstand continued Israeli rule, Palestinian sources reported.

The talks came three weeks after a reconciliation visit to Jordan by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who saw King Hussein in their first meeting since the commandos were driven out of Jordan by Hussein's forces in 1970.

The two sides apparently were brought together by their common opposition to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Jordanian Information Minister Adnan Abo Odeh had preliminary talks Monday night with the Palestinian delegation to the meeting of a joint committee set up during Arafat's recent visit.

Official sources called the atmosphere cordial and brotherly.

The program for Tuesday's official committee session called for the two sides to discuss ways and means of enabling Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza to withstand the occupation, the sources said.

An Arab summit conference co-chaired in November to work out a common strategy against the Egyptian-Israeli accord earmarked several million dollars to help Palestinians in those territories.

Well-informed sources said the Palestinian-Jordanian committee was expected to discuss ways of channeling the funds to the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians.

The PLO delegation to the talks was led by Hamed Abu Sitta, head of the organization's department for Occupied Territory Affairs.

Other members include PLO military affairs head Zohair Mohsen, also the leader of the Syrian-backed Saika commando group; Mahmoud Abbas, a central committee member of Arafat's own Fateh guerrilla organization; and Brig. Abdul-Razzak Al-Yahia, a former commander of the Palestine Liberation Army and the PLO representative in Jordan.

The Jordan delegation was being led by Abu Odeh.

SAMA reports 7% growth in Saudi Arabia's GDP

By Staff Reporters

RIYADH, April 10 — Continued growth in the private sector was the major feature of the Saudi economy last fiscal year, according to the annual assessment by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency.

The SAMA annual report, presented to King Khaled Tuesday by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi, the governor of SAMA, showed an actual decline in the overall growth rate of the Saudi economy. The Gross Domestic Product for the fiscal 1398 (June 1977—May 1978) increased to SR222 billion at current prices a rise of only seven per cent in real terms. This compares to 16 per cent in 1976-1977, according to an SPA abstract.

Although in real terms, as the report said, "international market conditions" restricted growth in the oil sector to only four per cent, elsewhere the picture was more encouraging. Growth in the non-oil sector was 18 per cent, against a 13.4 per cent target under the present Five-Year Development Plan. Of this, the government sector grew by 23 per cent against a Plan target of 12.9 per cent. The rate for the private sector was not given by SPA but would be of the order of 13 per cent.

Against this buoyancy, SAMA reported that the government had issued 1,170 industrial licenses to private businesses to set up factories by the end of calendar 1977. SAMA estimated total investment in these industries at SR17.1 billion.

At the same time, SAMA reported that, in the government



SAMA REPORT: King Khaled looking at the SAMA annual report presented to him Tuesday by SAMA Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi (left). (SPA photo)

sector, payments had increased by double the rate of revenue during the fiscal year, the balance of payments surplus had dropped and that the year had seen a budget overrun.

Government expenditure increased to SR130 billion in 1977-1978, against a budgetary provision of SR111 billion — which was also the out-of-pocket figure for the two previous years. Payments increased by 31 per cent in the fiscal year while revenue grew at only half that rate. This also led to a reduction in Saudi Arabia's balance of payments surplus from SR50.3 billion in 1976 to SR43.5

in 1977-1978.

With the growing absorptive capacity of the economy apparent from this, SAMA reported progress in the government's policy against inflation — with a new target of 4 per cent set for the future against the 35 per cent of 1974-1975. The report praised the government policy of limiting the impact of inflation through subsidies for basic commodities and efforts to control rents.

At the same time, SAMA reported loans to the private sector and private individuals of SR20.6 billion in 1977-1978 against SR13.6 billion the year

before. A large element in inflation, port congestion, has been removed and SAMA reported that imports had risen 47 per cent in value to SR74,419 billion against SR19,103 billion in 1975-1976.

In infrastructure, SAMA reports major progress in telecommunications, road construction and electricity generation. Saudi Arabia now has 198,000 telephone lines which is set to increase by a further 470,000 by the end of the \$3 billion automatic telephone expansion. (Continued on back page)

Controversy grows

Weizman, Yadin put off Cairo trips

TEL AVIV, April 10 (Agencies) — Two Israeli cabinet ministers put off visits to Cairo Tuesday as Israel and Egypt found themselves in their first dispute since signing a peace treaty two weeks ago.

News reports here quoted Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan saying that Israel would reject an explanation offered by Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil of a statement that was taken here as a warning that Egypt might join Syria in a war to liberate the Golan Heights.

In turn, Khalil was quoted as telling two Israeli journalists in Cairo that he would reject an Israeli note protesting his statement. The Israeli protest was based on an incorrect report, Khalil said in an interview with the two Israelis.

Israeli newspapers gave banner headline treatment to the fresh rift, and in Tel Aviv it was announced that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who had planned to go to Cairo next Sunday, would put off his journey until after the Passover holiday, which ends April 18. In addition, Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin will travel to Egypt in early May instead of right after Passover.

Reports of Khalil's testimony raised concern in Israel, and Dayan and Prime Minister Menahem Begin sent protest letters to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

No comment was available from Begin, who has a cold and is conducting business at home. But Interior Minister Josef Burg told Israeli radio: "I believe if this kind of declaration (becomes) commonplace, it would mean de facto cancellation of the peace treaty."

In his remarks, Khalil said Egypt would "stand at Syria's side" if the Damascus government went to war with a recalcitrant Israel over the Golan Heights, according to an official source quoted by Egypt's official Middle East News Agency, MENA, Monday night.

Khalil said it would be Syria's legitimate right to fight to recover the Heights if Israel refused to withdraw after negotiations within the framework of the Camp David accords, MENA said.

Khalil said Egypt considered the accords to be a framework for other Arab governments directly involved to negotiate a peaceful

settlement with Israel.

According to MENA, Khalil said that if Syria entered into negotiations with Israel, it had the right to reach the same results as Egypt — Israeli withdrawal, exercise of sovereignty, elimination of Israeli settlements and security arrangements to be agreed upon by the two parties in accordance with the Camp David accords.

Khalil said "If Israel expressed obstinacy and refused to withdraw... the liberation of occupied territories according to the U.N. Charter is considered a legitimate act of defense and Egypt will stand at Syria's side in implementation of the joint Arab defense pact," MENA added.

The agency said Khalil earlier told a meeting of the parliament-

tary committee of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) that if Israel accepted these conditions and "Syria starts the aggression, this aggression will not be considered within the framework of the joint defense pact and does not commit Egypt to enter into war on Syria's side."

Syria has rejected the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The MENA report came as the Egyptian parliament resumed debate to ratify the peace treaty. A referendum is expected to be held on Sunday in a bid to show Arab states that the treaty has widespread support.

The parliamentary debate has brought criticism from opposition members who said it would not serve the cause of peace in the region.

Khaled Mohieddin, leader of the opposition left-wing Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) said the treaty gave Israel a conditioned withdrawal from Sinai and that it did not serve the cause of peace in the region.

"Rather it exposes it to many dangers in the long run," Mohieddin declared in rejecting the treaty.

Several opposition members stressed the need for Israel's evacuation from Arab Jerusalem. (Continued on back page)

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CAIRO, April 10, (R) — Egypt's parliament Tuesday night ratified the peace treaty with Israel negotiated by President Anwar Sadat. The vote in favor was 329 with only 13 against at the end of a 25-hour debate.

Carter sends treaty aid request to Hill

WASHINGTON, April 10 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter Tuesday formally asked Congress to approve a \$4.8 billion program of loans and aid to Egypt and Israel, a day after Congress voted to suspend aid to Syria.

The Syria vote, Monday night by the House of Representatives, is not likely to mean that aid will cease, since the House also added a provision allowing Carter to restore the \$45 million if Carter feels that is in the U.S. national interest.

In Carter's message on the aid-loan package to Egypt and Israel, Carter said, "the peace process must not be allowed to languish. The U.S. agreed to the aid package as part of the process leading up to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty."

In messages to the leaders of the House and Senate Tuesday, Carter spoke of the important "signals" passage of the aid requests would give to the people of Egypt and Israel.

"It will clearly demonstrate to the people of these two countries — more than words alone — that we will help them reap the advantages of peace," he said.

"Swift Congressional action to enact the bill will demonstrate U.S. capacity to move quickly and decisively to support our friends in the Middle East," Carter added.

The motion to delete aid to Syria in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 was carried on a voice vote in the House. The later motion to allow Carter to restore it was passed by a 193 to 177 roll call vote.

Rep. Edward Derwinski, R-Ill., who proposed the aid cut, said Congress should show it is determined that the "Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty not be torpedoed by radical Arab governments."

Derwinski said Congress could restore aid for Syria in next year's aid bill if Syria begins cooperating with the U.S. initiative in the Middle East, but added that he doubts it will.

But Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, D-Ind., who sponsored the move to allow Carter to restore the aid, said Carter needs the flexibility to deal with the situation as he sees fit.

"We want to draw Syria toward the peace process and not to force them to choose against us," Hamilton said.

The House softened a provision in the aid bill that would have cut off aid to Jordan until Carter declared he was satisfied that it was cooperating with his peace effort.

The House instead took milder action and approved language which simply says Jordan "should cooperate" with peace efforts in the region.

The foreign aid bill for next year — which could still be cut by the Senate — totals \$1.6 billion for Israel, Egypt and other Middle East countries.

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Iran trials may continue for year

TEHRAN, April 10 — Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amir Entezam said Tuesday that he "guessed" the nation's revolutionary tribunals will continue to function for approximately a year before turning over their powers to the Ministry of Justice.

"The Islamic Revolutionary Tribunal is in charge of dealing with the crimes of past regimes," Amir Entezam told a news conference. But he stressed that the government, as distinct from Ayatollah Khomeini's Revolutionary Committee, bears no responsibility for the courts' work.

He said that Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan was unaware of the execution of former Premier Amir Abbas Hoveyda Saturday night until more than three hours later.

"The government has nothing to do with the revolutionary courts," he said. "The courts issued a decree under which a government representative may or may not take part in the court, so it is again left up to the court to decide what to do."

Bazargan, who has criticized revolutionary tribunals in the past and usually appears with Amir Entezam at the Tuesday news conferences, was absent.

Amir Entezam also said "foreign agents and counter-revolutionaries" were stirring up trouble in the Baluchi tribal area on the border with Pakistan and that some foreigners had been arrested there.

Entezam said those creating problems in Baluchistan, a traditionally Royalist area before February's revolution, were calling for separation.

Several hundred unemployed recently demonstrated through the streets of the Kurdish town of Sanagaj on the western border

with Iraq, he said, and that pro-Shab elements had shouted slogans demanding the return of the monarchy.

It also reported Tuesday that twelve former officials of the Shah were shot by firing squads Monday, the highest number of executions in a single day since the revolution two months ago.

In the southern town of Dogoban, Col. Azollah Rahmani, described as a local head of the Shah's hated SAVAK secret police, was found guilty of being a "major element in the massacre of the people."

The head of SAVAK in the northwestern town of Ardabil near the Soviet border, Torab Hajalou, was also executed, according to the "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio.

Khomeini, bas said there was a feud in Ardabil between Sunni and Shiite Muslims over the referendum on the Islamic republic.

The total number of political executions since the monarchy was overthrown, has now risen to at least 73.

But for the first time since the revolutionary courts started hearing political cases, there were instances Monday of acquittals or prison sentences instead of the death penalty.

Sixteen defendants were acquitted and one SAVAK agent was given three years' imprisonment, later reduced to one year, after he made a statement of repentance.

The Tehran press reported that Justice Minister Assadollah Mobarsheri had submitted his resignation in protest at the way trials were being conducted, but said Iran's secret Council of the Revolution had refused to accept it.

The daily "Pegham Emrouz" (Continued on back page)

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Ministry says

Enrolment in teacher training increases, except at 2nd level

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — Teacher training in Saudi Arabia last year received a boost at its higher levels in the academic year that ended last October, the Ministry of Education announced Tuesday.

But in training teachers for secondary schools, the ministry reported little progress except in school-building and administrative staff, and a number of schools were downgraded.

According to figures released

Tuesday by the ministry's Center for Statistics and Educational Documentation, there were 10,363 students enrolled in teacher training in Saudi Arabia last academic year. By the end of the year, the ministry was operating 39 teacher training institutes, with 412 classrooms. The ministry employed 815 trainers and 324 administrators in the schools.

At the higher level, last year saw an increase of 1,196 students over the year before with five new institutes and 68 classrooms opened. The average increase in students was 96.5 per cent.

The number of colleges training for the secondary system, from ages 15 to 18, also increased and with it the number of administrators. But last year saw an actual reduction in the number of classrooms, students and teachers as a number of schools and private institutes were downgraded to the intermediate level or accorded different status.

At the intermediate level — for students 1 from 11 to 14 years old — the rescheduling of colleges led to an increase in student enrollment of 99 per cent. Equally, such secondary-level schools as Holy Koran Learning Schools, technical education institutes and supplementary studies centers increased student numbers by 100 per cent with the new schedule.

Average numbers at primary level increased by 93.6 per cent. Sports training received a 98.7 boost in trainees.

Schoolgirls, teachers barred use of makeup

JEDDAH, April 10 — Girls and women teachers in the state schools have been forbidden to use cosmetics or grow their fingernails, "Al-Medina" reported Tuesday.

According to the paper, the director general for women's education, Sheikh Rashed Al-Khunain, has issued an order to the schools forbidding make-up of any kind and advising that fingernails should be kept short.

The education of women is the responsibility of a separate directorate general responsible to the chief ulema rather than the Ministry of Education.

Meanwhile, a group of leading ulema Monday approved plans for an increase in Islamic missionary work abroad.

The Higher Board for Islamic Propagation, at a meeting in Riyadh Monday, agreed various measures to promote the dissemination of the faith and provide incentives for Islamic teachers and workers abroad.

The meeting was chaired by Prince Sultan, minister of defense and education and the chairman of the board.

Among the ulema attending were Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, who heads the Departments of Scholarly Research, Legal Rulings, Propagation and Guidance; Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Sheikh; Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, a former justice minister and now secretary general of the Mecca-based Muslim World League missionary organization and Sheikh Mahmoud Al-Aboudi, the board's secretary.



HALE: Sheikh Magdi bin Muhammad lives in Tuwal, 75 kilometers north of Jeddah, and is believed to be the Kingdom's oldest inhabitant. According to "Al-Bilad" newspaper, Sheikh Magdi is 105 and is still hale and happy. He supports a family of 33.



COMMUNICATIONS: Swedish Communications Minister Anita Bondestam and Ambassador Count Gustav Bielek with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi Tuesday.

Set for May 7

Filipino Muslims here condemn poll

JEDDAH, April 10 — Two Philippine Muslim exile organizations in Saudi Arabia have united in condemning plans by the Manila government to stage elections next month in the predominantly Muslim south of the country.

The elections, set for May 7, are for an autonomous assembly. Muslims in the southern Philippines have been fighting for autonomy since the 1960s.

A Mecca-based group, The

Bangsa Moro Liberation Organization (BMLMO) described the election plan as "unconstitutional and in gross violation of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement," signed by President Marcos' government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) led by Nur Misuari.

Misuari also rejected the plan and called for a faithful application of the terms of the Tripoli Agreement.

"It is ironic," said a statement by the "BMLMO" that the Tripoli Agreement was not ratified in Manila as was agreed by the parties to it.

There have been no negotiations between Manila and the MNLF since the Tripoli Agreement.

Both fronts claim that the Philippines government has violated the agreement by maintaining a state of war in the Muslim regions ever since; by retaining martial law; by refusing refugees to return home and register as voters. Any elections held in the south can only be sham, the fronts indicated.

As the elections are scheduled for May 7, the same day as the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference in Rabat, the BMLMO called on the 42 participating states to apply economic sanctions against the Philippines to return to the terms of the Tripoli Agreement.

reported Tuesday.

In addition to various types of Arab poetry there will be performances of the Urdu, a sword dance, and lectures and research papers on folk culture.

The symposium will last for four evenings.

Tonight

Fawaz to preside at cultural party

JEDDAH, April 10 — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz will officiate Wednesday at a culture and arts festival organized by the Tihama advertising company to honor prizewinner of the Tihama Grand Cultural Competition.

The festival will consist of an evening of poetry reading, folk-lore performances, a play and modern Saudi singing by Muhammad Abdo and other prominent artists.

Model replies to the questions in the recent Tihama contest, have

been printed in a booklet which will be distributed to guests attending the festival.

After a speech by Prince Fawaz, who headed the judging on board, he will distribute the awards.

The festival starts at 7 p.m. at the Kandara Palace Hotel.

Meanwhile in Riyadh, a third seminar on Saudi culture organized by Riyadh University, will be held next month under the patronage of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, "Al-Medina"

Dhahran Marriott opened

DAMMAM, April 10 — Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province opened here Tuesday the new Dhahran Marriott Hotel, the second hotel in which the Saudi Hotels and Resorts Areas Corp. has an interest. The corporation, according to "Al-Riyadh," also wants to develop Half Moon Beach. There will be playgrounds, swimming pools, restaurants which aim to encourage tourism by Saudis.

Jeddah abattoir opens in May

JEDDAH, April 10 — The new automatic slaughter house will be opened next month, according to "Al-Bilad". A Saudi company was awarded the operating contract.

Jubail plant to be dedicated

JUBAIL, April 10 (SPA) — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation will carry out the ground-breaking ceremony for the Jubail Iron and Steel Plant April 25. Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi will officiate at the ceremony, which will also be attended by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, the company's board chairman, and other senior officials.

Mansouri meets Swedish official

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri Tuesday met his visiting Swedish counterpart Anita Bondestam. They discussed Swedish assistance in land and sea transport and railroad projects.

Support for Amin restated

MECCA, April 10 (SPA) — Muslim World League Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Safwat Al-Sagga met Ugandan Ambassador Lt.-Col. Musa Asuman Eyega here Monday and discussed the situation in Uganda. Sagga restated the league's support for Uganda and its president against the insurgency.

Indonesian official coming

JEDDAH, April 10 (SPA) — Indonesian Minister of Social Development Bustan Al-Arifi arrives here Wednesday on a three-day visit to perform the Minor Pilgrimage.

Arab investments unit meets

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — The Investment Committee of the Arab Investments Company met Tuesday under Board Chairman Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Rashed and discussed project reports to be submitted to the board Wednesday.

Sport deputy pleased by Games

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, vice chairman of the Saudi Football Federation Tuesday hailed the results of the recent Gulf Games and hoped the next Games in the United Arab Emirates would be as successful. He was satisfied with the third-place performance of the Saudi team, considering it a "good start."

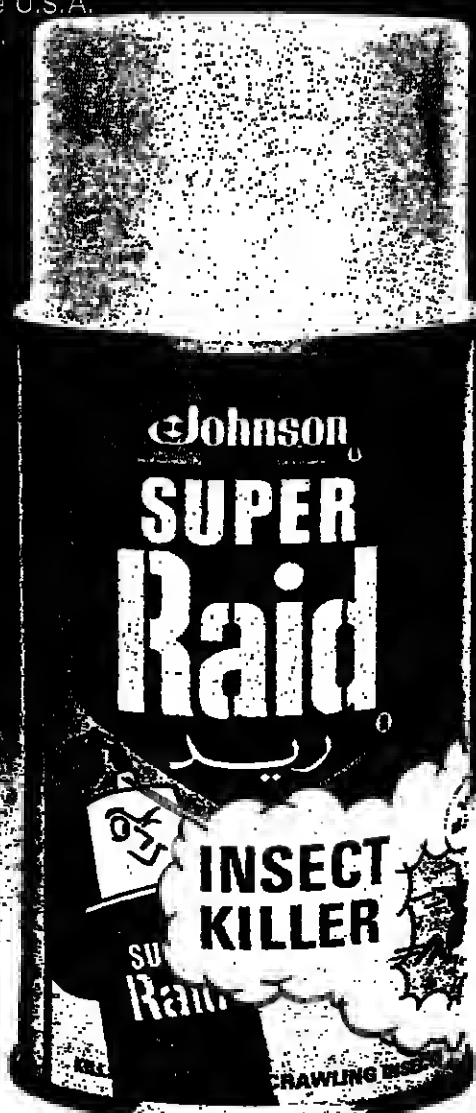
Embassy to show solar energy

JEDDAH, April 10 — The U.S. Embassy Commercial Center will shortly exhibit some of the first items of solar equipment to become commercially available in Saudi Arabia through Sun Inc. of Bunkie, Louisiana, and Solahart of Perth, Australia and the Al-Husseini Corporation. Rod Martin, president of Sun, Lawrence Ford, export manager of Solahart and Mehboob Ahmad, sales manager of Al-Husseini, will give a slide presentation and answer questions, while Gerald E. Howes, General Manager of Solar Power Limited, will discuss photovoltaic cells, the center announced Tuesday.

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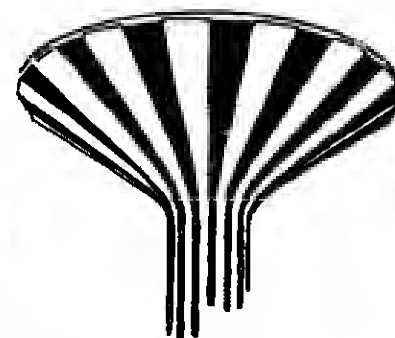
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Jordan protests

Israelis impose W. Bank curfew

TEL AVIV, April 10 (R) — Israeli occupation forces imposed curfews on two areas of the West Bank Tuesday after two buses were stoned and telephone lines cut by Palestinians, military sources said.

In Jericho, Palestinians from the nearby Akbat refugee camp stoned the two buses, one filled with Jewish children travelling to Jordan Valley settlements and the other carrying tourists.

The other curfew was at the village of Al-Yamun, near Jenin at the northern end of the West Bank. It was imposed there to punish residents who had been out cutting telephone lines, the sources said.

Israeli troops moved into both areas to conduct searches and make arrests.

Monday Jordan complained to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim about a three-week-long curfew imposed by Israel in the West Bank town of Halhul.

Jordanian U.N. Representative Huzem Nuseibeh, in his letter, said the recently-lifted curfew resulted in depletion of the town's reserves of water, medicines and food.

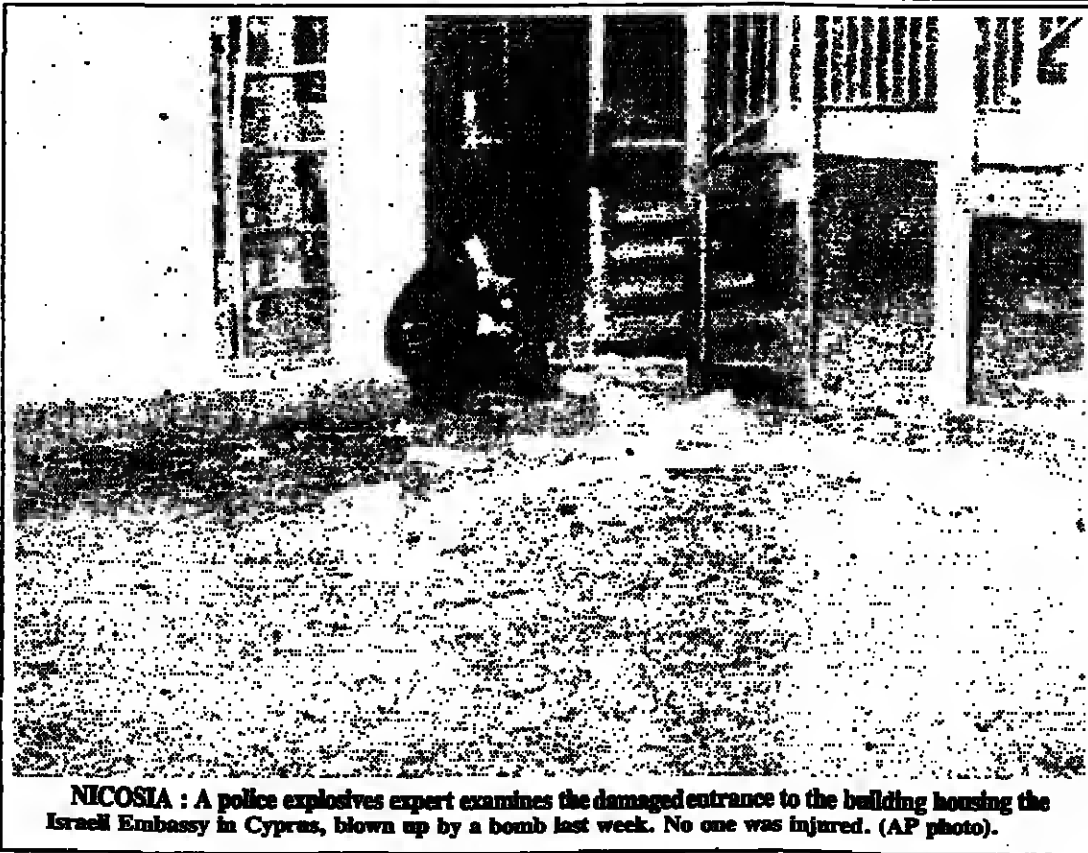
He said relatives of the citizens of Halhul living in Amman had sent a petition to the Jordanian government expressing their "very deep concern over the Israeli occupation authorities' repeated threats of even more drastic, collective punitive action."

Nuseibeh said the situation arose after the inhabitants staged a demonstration to protest against attacks which he said had been carried out against them by "Israeli colonizers" in the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba, "aided and abetted by the forces of the occupation authorities."

A young girl and a young man were killed in the clash, and during their funeral "renewed and serious clashes ensued between the inhabitants of Halhul and the colonizers of Kiryat Arba," he added.

Earlier Sunday, military government sources said that Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian's house on the West Bank in an area designed for a road to link Jewish settlements.

The house, situated outside the village of Aram near Ramallah, was built after the land had been seized by Israeli authorities, the sources added.



NICOSIA: A police explosives expert examines the damaged entrance to the building housing the Israeli Embassy in Cyprus, blown up by a bomb last week. No one was injured. (AP photo).

U.S. wants U.N. troops kept in Sinai to check withdrawal

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP) — The United States is quietly negotiating with the Soviet Union in an effort to win permission for U.N. peacekeepers to remain in the Sinai Peninsula to help monitor the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, American officials say.

So far, the Russians have not said "yes" and they have not said "no."

As a permanent member of the U.S. Security Council, the Soviet Union has the power to block, by veto, an extension of the U.N. peacekeeping force in the Sinai's mandate.

The mandate expires July 24. U.S. officials, who began conducting the negotiations with Soviet diplomats last Friday in New York, are hoping the Kremlin will decide against obstructing the U.N. operation.

But it is considered possible that the Soviets might want to demonstrate their support for the Arabs who oppose the U.S.-directed peace process.

"They are going to be very cautious, and even difficult," said an official, who asked not to be identified.

The Sinai peacekeepers are stationed between the Egyptians and Israelis in the desert as part of

1974 and 1975 disengagement agreements.

The peace treaty signed at the White House last month anticipates another task for them, supervising the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Sinai.

The Russians contend this is a fundamental change in the functions of the U.N. forces and requires the direct approval of the security council.

U.S. Ambassador Alfred Atherton and Gerald Helman of the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs are in charge of the negotiations with Soviet diplomats.

They did not get a conclusive response last Friday and are waiting for a formal reply from Moscow before scheduling further talks.

If the Russians block an extension, President Carter, as a virtual guarantor of peace between Egypt and Israel, might be seen as being in a tough spot.

Turkish violence spreads as two die in ambushes

ANKARA, April 10 (AP) — Two people were killed in ambushes and four high-school students were wounded in continuing violence between right and left political factions.

Police sources said Monday the bullet-riddled bodies of two people were found in the eastern towns of Malatya and Antalya, on the Mediterranean coast. They were apparently victims of feuding between extremist gangs.

In Diyarbakir, four high-school students were wounded by gunfire in battle between leftists and rightists.

In Ankara, a military court sentenced Arif Gorunmez, affiliated with the extreme rightist Idealists

Clubs, to life imprisonment for the premeditated murder of a university student here a year ago.

Political violence has claimed more than 1,200 lives since the beginning of 1978.

Egyptian troops exercise in Sinai

CAIRO, April 10 (R) — The Egyptian Third Army has carried out an air and ground military exercise using live ammunition along the Cairo-Suez desert road, an Egyptian Defense Ministry statement said.

The statement said tanks, artillery, war planes and a large number of troops took part Monday.

Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Ahmad Badawi and visiting Zaire and Sudanese military delegations watched the maneuvers, the statement said.

The purpose of the maneuvers was not specified but it was apparently intended to show Egypt's ability to face any threats from its Arab critics, mainly Libya, which sources said have massed troops along the border with Egypt.

Also Monday, Under-Secretary of the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nasser Kadour left for Tunis to take part in the meeting of an Arab committee due to arrange for moving the Arab League headquarters from Cairo to Tunis.

The committee, which had been formed by the conference of Arab ministers of economy and foreign affairs held in Baghdad last month, includes Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Tunisia, Algeria and the Arab League Secretariat.

The decision to move the League headquarters was among other decisions taken by the Baghdad conference as a reply to the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Egypt has said it will not allow the removal of the headquarters.

In Amman Monday, sources said the Jordanian authorities had asked the Egyptian Middle East News Agency correspondent Khalid Yahia, to leave the country within 48 hours.

They said Jordan had also asked the Jordanian News Agency correspondent in Cairo, Mahmoud Al-Housani, to return home.

Jordan severed diplomatic relations with Egypt last week in accordance with sanctions against Egypt adopted at Baghdad



PATROL: Two men and two women of the Israeli army patrol on a hillside close to the West Bank last week, as military activity was stepped up in response to fears that commando forces might attack after the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt. (AP photo)

American ships, planes face Lebanese boycott

BEIRUT, April 10 (R) — Workers in Lebanon will refuse to service or unload American aircraft and ships from May 1 as a protest against the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, a union leader says.

Fayed Jalloul, secretary general of the International Federation of Arab Trade Unions, told a press conference Monday the step was decided on by the federation's Central Council in Damascus last Friday.

Jalloul said the decision to

boycott American sea and air transport was "a concrete retaliation to the treaty of treason concluded by (President Anwar) Sadat with the Zionist enemy."

He said the Federation's resolutions also called for "striking at the strategic and vital interests of American imperialism in the Arab region, especially petroleum interests."

He declined to elaborate on how this measure would be carried out.



LAST PLEA: With hands outspread, Amir Abbas Hoveyda makes his last plea during the revolutionary court hearing Saturday at the end of which he was found guilty on several charges and executed almost immediately afterwards in the prison grounds in Tehran, provoking widespread international protests. (AP Photo)

Of interference

Iran to protest charges by Kabul

TEHRAN, April 10 (R) — Iran Tuesday reiterated that no Iranian troops were fighting in Afghanistan and said it would protest to the Kabul government over claims that Iranian soldiers had been killed in that country.

Assistant Prime Minister Amir Abbas Eftezami told journalists the Afghan claim was false and Iran would officially protest it.

Iran last month strongly denied an official Afghan report that several thousand Iranian soldiers had crossed the border in disguise to fight the pro-Soviet Kabul regime. Thousands of Afghan workers were deported from Iran after February's revolution here.

The Iranian government closed the border after a flood of refugees crossed from Afghanistan to escape fighting reported to be raging in the western Herat province, the Iranian consul-general in Herat was expelled and Tehran retaliated by expelling an Afghan diplomat.

Iranian Muslim Leaders have protested over the alleged maltreatment of Muslims by the new regime in Afghanistan, where thousands of Muslim guerrillas are reported to be fighting government troops.

Pakistan and the left-wing government in Kabul have also been at odds in recent weeks, with Afghanistans accusations that the Pakistani government has been giving aid and comfort to its Mus-

lim opponents.

In turn, Pakistan has accused Afghanistan of shelling its territory, and has denied that a large number of Muslim refugees it is sheltering are involved in the rebellion against the central government.

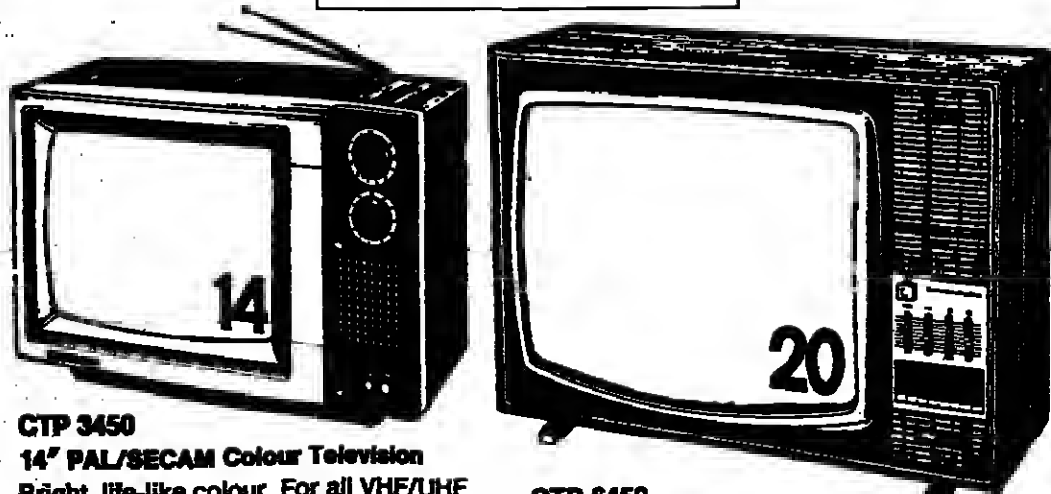
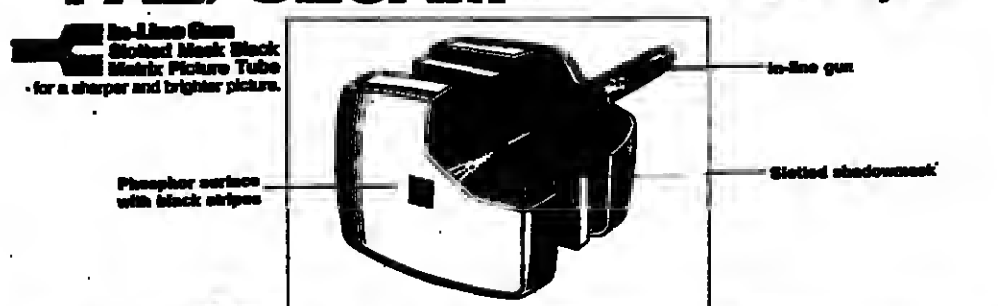
There is concern about

Afghanistan, also, in other Arab countries.

Iraq has also expressed concern about the pro-Soviet east of the Afghan revolution, and that concern, sources in Baghdad say, has prompted 'some of that country's crackdown on Communists in the army in the last year.

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Iranian meat unit to check N.Z. slaughter

WELLINGTON, April 10 (R) — An Iranian delegation is to visit New Zealand next month to see if its lamb slaughtering facilities conform with Islamic teachings.

New Zealand exports of frozen lamb to Iran came to a halt recently when Ayatollah Khomeini ordered all imports of frozen meat stopped because the animals had not been slaughtered properly.

The representative in Iran of the New Zealand Meat Producers Board Hassan Shaiba said Tuesday any changes required of New Zealand freezing works would not be capital intensive. Both New Zealand, and Australia, should look forward to a share of the Iranian meat market.

Thornburgh lets women, children return to plant

HARRISBURG, Pa. April 10 (AP) — Gov. Dick Thornburgh said Monday it was safe for preschool children and pregnant women to return to homes within five miles of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant. A top federal official said the "crisis is over" at the crippled facility.

"I consider the crisis is over today with regard to the status of the core," said Harold Denton, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's chief of operations.

Denton added, however, that it would be several more days before the reactor could be brought to a cold shutdown.

Hopes for quick SALT agreement appear fading

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union may have to hold more talks on their nearly-complete strategic arms limitation (SALT) treaty after a session in Washington, The State Department has announced.

The statement Monday was apparently aimed at dampening expectations that the meeting between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin might be the final one.

Dobrynin and Vance conferred for an hour and a half Tuesday over the remaining issues in the negotiations.

Thornburgh made the announcement that the evacuation of the two groups considered most endangered by radiation could end after 11 days, and said the news "means that it is now considered safe."

At the height of the crisis, spawned by a nuclear accident which officials had difficulty bringing under control, Thornburgh had advised that pregnant women and young children leave an area within five miles of the plant.

On Monday, in addition to ending the advice to evacuate, he also ordered schools in the five mile radius reopened.

He said state offices can return to business as usual, and said he was ordering the civil defense to descend from full alert to on-call status.

There is no threat to public health from milk or drinking water in the area, the governor also said. However, he added, "this does not mean that we will relax our vigil. We will continue to monitor the entire situation on a 24-hour basis."

About an hour after Thornburgh's announcement, monitoring teams detected a slight increase in radiation — about 4 to 5 millirems per hour, less than the dose of an average chest x-ray — at a site east of the plant. Authorities said the level rose because there was no wind to disperse the radiation, and repeated assurances that "there is no threat to the public health."

Blacks to vote next week

Rhodesian whites hold their election

SALISBURY, April 10 (AP) — White Rhodesians voted Tuesday in the last political election they will dominate in this breakaway British colony.

Candidates of Prime Minister Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front (RF) Party, which has ruled since 1962, were expected to win the four seats being contested against independents.

Sixteen other seats open to whites, Asians and colored candidates were uncontested. They included those held by Smith and such other Rhodesian Front stalwarts as Foreign Minister P. K. Van der Byl and Defense Minister Hilary Squires.

Voting for 72 seats reserved for blacks in the 100-member Parliament takes place next Tuesday. The remaining eight seats will be filled by whites nominated by the RF and elected by other members of the new house.

Under a majority rule constitu-

tion drawn up by Smith and three black political leaders, the eight other seats in the 100-seat assembly are also reserved for whites. They will be filled from present members of Parliament elected by the new black and white members in May.

Political commentators expected the United African National Council (UANC) of Bishop Abel Muzorewa to win the majority of African seats, with the RF being the second largest party in Parliament.

A government of national unity will be formed with parties being allocated a number of cabinet seats in proportion to their representation in Parliament.

Results from the two contested seats in Salisbury and the one in Bulawayo were expected later Tuesday but the seat in the eastern district around Umtali is not due until Wednesday.



Sir Laurence Olivier



Jane Fonda



John Wayne

Vietnam War films sweep field at Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (R) — Jon Voight and Jane Fonda won the Hollywood Oscar Tuesday night as best actor and actress for their roles in the Vietnam War film "Coming Home."

Another film about the war, "The Deer Hunter," was chosen the best film, signalling that Hollywood after years of footdragging, has finally acknowledged the war and its potential to draw audiences.

The award for Best Foreign Language Film of 1978 went to the bitterly funny "Get Out Your Handkerchiefs" from France. "Last Dance," which was sung by Donna Summer in "Thank God It's Friday," won the best song Oscar for Paul Jabara.

British actress Maggie Smith won the Oscar for best supporting actress for her role in the comedy "California Suite."

Miss Smith, 44, is the third actress, with Ingrid Bergman and Helen Hayes, to win the Oscar for both best actress and best supporting actress. She won the former in 1969 for "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie."

Continuing the "Deer Hunter" successes, Christopher Walken was named best supporting actor and Michael Cimino best director.

Outside the Dorothy Chandler pavilion, setting for the annual awards a small group of demonstrators protested against "The Deer Hunter" which they said misrepresented the U.S. role in the war.

Asked about the protest, Miss Fonda declared, "Friends of mine were among those out there protesting. 'The Deer Hunter' did not help us to learn the lessons of the war."

The film, which starred Robert de Niro as about three friends from



OSCAR WINNER: In a scene from "Midnight Express," which won an award for best adapted screenplay and best original musical score, a father (Mickey Rourke) comforts his imprisoned son (Brad Davis). (AP photo)

a Pennsylvania steel town who go to Vietnam and are captured by the Viet Cong. Their experiences in a prison camp scar them for life.

"Coming Home" studies the return of a maimed Vietnam veteran (Jon Voight) and his love affair with a married woman played by Jane Fonda.

But the biggest applause of the night went to two 71-year-olds — Sir Laurence Olivier, who received an honorary Oscar and John Wayne, who presented the best film award. It was his first public appearance since his

stomach was removed in a nine-hour operation in January.

Wayne, the star of more than 200 films appeared much thinner than his fans remember him. He noted that the Oscar began the year he came to Hollywood, in 1928. "We are a little weather-beaten but we are still here and we plan to be around for a while longer."

Olivier, who became a life peer in 1970, received a standing ovation when he accepted his honorary Oscar from his old friend Cary Grant for his lifetime contribution

to films.

The applause lasted for nearly two minutes while Olivier, sporting a trim beard beld out his hands. When the applause died away he said "Oh dear friends, how am I supposed to speak after that? Thank you for that beautiful citation and the trouble you have taken to make it and for all the warm generosity in it."

When Voight went on stage to accept his Oscar he first paid tribute to Olivier, who was also nominated for his role as a Nazi hunter in "The Boys From Brazil."

"I don't think there is an actor here or who is watching on television who does not acknowledge a great debt to the continuing legacy of Laurence Olivier," he said.

Clutching her Oscar, Miss Fonda, 41, said, "This means much more to me than when I won the other Oscar, for 'Kluge.' 'Coming Home' was a very important film and it had to be made. I have lived with it for a long time."

She accompanied the first part of her acceptance speech with signs for the deaf. "This is my way of acknowledging them," she said.

The ceremony lineup featured the best turnout of acting nominees in many years. At the last moment Robert de Niro, nominated as best actor for "The Deer Hunter," agreed to appear in the music center audience.

Johnny Carson, whose own movie appearances have been limited to walk-ons, hosted the show. He warmed up the packed audience with some jabs at the movie establishment and the Oscar show itself. Said Carson: "welcome to two hours of sparkling entertainment spread out over a four-hour show."

Dean Martin also drew laughs with his allusions to the category for scoring.

The Oscar had a perilously slow and uneventful first two hours, and it was well past midnight for Eastern television viewers before the real excitement began.

One poignant moment came minutes into the show with the appearance of veteran musical star Ruby Keeler. A clip of her tap routine in the 1932 "42nd Street" excited the music center audience and her introduction by copresenter Kris Kristofferson started the first standing ovation of the night.

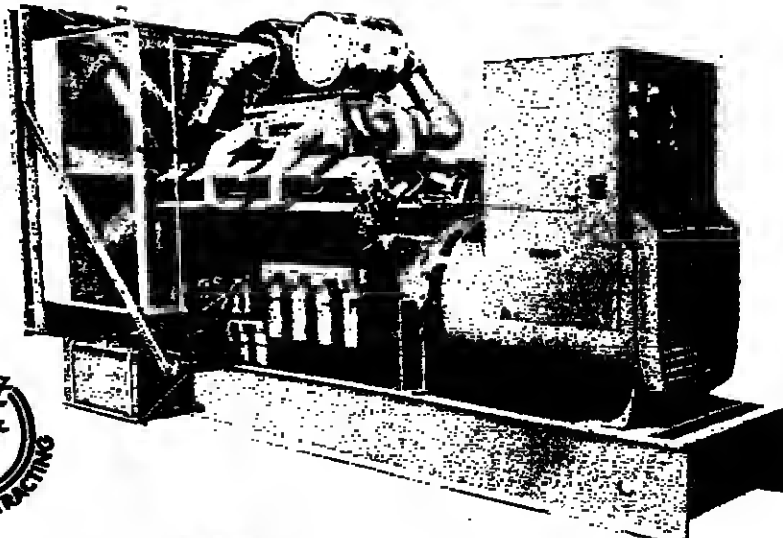
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U.K. politicians start campaign ringed by police

LONDON, April 10 (AP) — The March 30 car-bomb murder of Conservative Party politician Airey Neave had security agents swarming around other leading politicians in unprecedented numbers as they opened their campaign for the May 3 parliamentary elections.

Scotland Yard confirmed the guards were armed but not openly displaying weapons.

Neave, murdered two days after Parliament was dissolved and new elections announced, was the opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland. He advocated tougher measures, including capital punishment, against the Irish Republican Army.

Authorities fear Neave's murder was a sign the IRA intends to try to disrupt the campaign.

In Glasgow Monday, uniformed police ringed a hotel where Prime Minister James Callaghan made his first public speech. Armed detectives sat or stood close to him.

Political reporters who have covered elections back to the early 1930s said they had never seen so many plain clothesmen and uniformed police with politicians.

The police carry walkie-talkies, have dogs trained to sniff out explosives and stand on rooftops to watch for snipers.

In the past, only the prime minister, home secretary and foreign secretary were accompanied by a detective, who may or may not have been armed: it was never definitely stated. During election campaigns the opposition leader, also would have a single detective assigned.

Callaghan lost a confidence vote in the House of Commons on March 28 by one vote and was forced to call elections. The no-confidence measure, stemming from failure of his plan for limited autonomy in Scotland and Wales, was introduced by Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher. Polls show her party well ahead.

Liberal Party leader David Steel had armed plain clothesmen at his side Monday and his bus was searched for explosives before he left for Newbury, a market town 53 miles northwest of London. A squad of police awaited him there.

Mrs. Thatcher will have similar guards when she starts campaigning Wednesday.

Callaghan told a news conference he will enjoy the campaign and said, "I don't intend to be put off by public opinion polls."

Despite Mrs. Thatcher's lead in the polls, a fact laid to disenchantment with Labor's handling of labor disputes, burgeoning union muscle and high taxes, students of past polls think she may end up, as Labor did last time, with a tiny majority in the 635-member House.

In Esteli

Fierce Nicaragua fighting reported

MANAGUA, April 10 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas opposed to President Anastasio Somoza fought National Guard troops for control of Esteli and other Nicaraguan cities Monday, while Somoza was on vacation in the United States. The government said it was "starting to win control of the situation."

There was an unconfirmed report from Esteli that Sandinista rebels had seized control of the city. Military sources said the National Guard command in Esteli had urgently requested ammunition, reinforcements and air support.

There were unconfirmed reports late Monday that the guerrillas had trapped government troops inside their downtown Esteli barracks and the Sandinistas had erected six-foot-high barricades in the streets to block government military vehicles. A large number of people were said to be fleeing.

Witnesses reported that gun battles had occurred in two Managua suburbs, with two National Guardsmen injured when guerrillas ambushed their jeep patrol in

Huapang on the capital's west side.

Another battle just outside the city limits in an area heavily populated with purported rebels was reported, but witnesses said there were no casualties.

An informed source said two government World War II aircraft were forced out of combat in Esteli because of guerrilla ground fire, but the military said they landed because of technical problems.

Chinese may open Tibet to tourists

KATMANDU, April 10 (AP) — China is considering opening up occupied Tibet for tourism and mountaineering, the Nepalese National News Agency reported Tuesday, quoting a visiting Chinese tourism official.

The report did not say when Tibet might be opened.

Xu Jing (Hsu-Ching), vice chairman of the Chinese Mountaineering Association, is holding discussions with the Nepalese government.



WIDOWED: Mrs. Angel Lieta Alvaro hugs the face of her husband, a policeman killed by terrorists in Madrid last week. (AP Photo).

Leftist law professor

Man charged in Moro murder

PADUA, Italy, April 10 (R) — An extreme leftist law professor has been charged with involvement in the kidnap and murder of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro and was due to face his first interrogation by magistrates Tuesday.

Police said Prof. Toni Negri, who taught at Padua university and the Paris Sorbonne, was charged Monday night. He was expected to be brought here from Milan, where he has been held in jail since Sunday, one of at least 22

people arrested in a five-city swoop by anti-terrorist police.

Nine are accused of belonging to the Red Brigades, which abducted Moro in Rome 13 months ago and killed him eight weeks later.

Negri, 46, was a founder of the extra-parliamentary "Autonomous" groups of workers and students which sprang up in Italy in

the early 1970s.

Dozens of extreme leftists have been detained in the past year in connection with the Moro affair, but none has been convicted of playing a leading role in the crime.

Some 1,500 Autonomists marched through Milan Monday, accusing the police of hoarding the far left for their ideas, not their actions.

KGB ordered umbrella death of defector, ex-assassin says

LONDON, April 10 (AP) — Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov the victim of a deadly poison injection from an "umbrella gun," was killed on orders of the Soviet KGB secret police and the Soviet government, a one-time KGB assassin claimed Monday night.

Nicolai Khoklov, former head of a KGB assassination squad who defected in 1954, said in a BBC interview that the Markov killing in London last September would require sanction from the Kremlin.

He said the assassins would have been trained, supervised, monitored and guided entirely by Soviet intelligence officers. While the Russians would not kill Alexander Solzhenitsyn and other well-known defectors, he said, Markov's murder was designed to undermine the morale of emigres "to show they can get them any time."

Markov, a noted 49-year-old playwright who defected to Britain in 1970, died of blood poisoning Sept. 7, four days after he said a man carrying an umbrella jabbed him in the thigh with it.

Scotland Yard says Markov was killed by a pinhead-size pellet containing a tiny dose of ricin, a castor-bean derivative that is one of the most deadly poisons.

Detectives are still investigating. British authorities believe Markov was slain because of his weekly broadcasts for Radio Free Europe, which beams propaganda into the Soviet Bloc. He had

charged the Bulgarian Communist Party elite with corruption.

The Bulgarian government denied involvement in the slaying. BBC reporter Michael Cockrell noted that at least half a dozen anti-Communist Bulgarian emigres had been killed or had vanished in recent years in Western Europe presumed kidnapped by Bulgarian agents and returned to their homeland.

Markov's English widow, Annabel, said, during the inter-

view that Markov was told months before he died that Bulgarian government agents planned to kill him with "some kind of poison."

"He was told that the decision had been taken at the very highest level," she said, without elaboration.

Khoklov, interviewed in West Germany, said the sophisticated poison technique "tells me that the officers who were planning that operation tried to please someone in the highest level."

Vietnamese said driving against Pol Pot troops

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 10 (AP) — Vietnamese and Cambodian troops Tuesday appeared to be driving against the key border town of Poipet and more than 100 soldiers of the toppled Phnom Penh government fled into Thailand to escape the stiff fighting.

Pol Pot soldiers at the border said that four to five Vietnamese tanks were pressing in on Poipet from the northwest and other columns were moving along Highway Five to the frontier town.

Photographer Jeff Robbins saw about 200 Pol Pot troops at the border preparing to head for the fighting. They were armed with rifles, grenade launchers and rocket-propelled grenades and about half a dozen harnessed horses could be seen with the troops in the distance. The animals were apparently being used to haul supplies.

Thai authorities disarmed 112 Pol Pot soldiers who Tuesday crossed into Kok Sabang Village, eight kilometers southeast of this frontier town. The group was taken away on trucks and Thai border officers believed that more Pol Pot soldiers would flee into Thailand.

Gunfire could be heard along several areas of the border, where fighting has been going on for the past few days.

Although details are still not clear, reports from Thai military sources and from the Pol Pot soldiers indicate that Poipet fell to the Pol Pot side late last week but that the Vietnamese and their Cambodian allies were able to mount a fierce counter-attack.

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Turkey's Kurds

By Dennis Redmont

ANKARA —

Turkey is looking with increased worry over its eastern shoulder at secessionist movements in neighboring Iran and Iraq which have started trickling over its borders.

Last week, after the discovery of over 350 Czech-made pistols in the predominantly Kurdish province of Van, the government dispatched the armed forces chief of staff, a minister of state, and the director of security to Iraq.

Premier Bulent Ecevit took time out from his efforts courting fresh foreign loans for a teetering economy to warn against "domestic and foreign elements" intent on dividing Turkey.

"There seem to be some foreign elements who expect developments in Turkey similar to those in Iran," Ecevit said, "and some domestic elements fancy they could start the developments."

A brief but bloody February uprising in Sanandaj spurred Iran's new government to announce autonomy concessions to the country's 1.5 million Kurdish minority. Iran Premier Mehdi Bazargan last week, however, reversed earlier pledges and flatly rejected separate political deals with restive Kurds, Turkmen and Baluchis.

But the rebellion brought fresh hopes to long-standing demands for autonomy by Iraq's two million Kurds.

And it rippled through eastern Turkey, which has the largest Kurdish minority of the three countries, estimated at six million or 15 per cent of Turkey's population.

The government has clamped a tight lid of secrecy on any incidents.

But Premier Ecevit this weekend confirmed leaks from the National Security Agency MIT that weapons are being smuggled into eastern Turkey despite three months of martial law in 13 of Turkey's 67 provinces. Travelers returning from remote, mount Ararat showed films of Kurdish tribesmen firing Soviet Kalashnikov rifles into the air at a traditional wedding instead of the customary pistols.

A team of Turkish journalists who visited Iraqi Marxist Kurdish leader Jela Talabani in his mountain stronghold earlier this year brought back the following taped message: "The downfall of the Shah has liberated our forces from one front," meaning his 1,500 guerrillas can concentrate against Baghdad.

The Shah had backed an uprising in Iraq's Kurdish area close to the Iranian border until March 1975 when Iran and Iraq settled their border dispute, cutting off the guerrillas' supply lines.

Turkish Senator Kamran Inan, himself a Kurd, charges the Soviet Union is edging trouble in Kurdistan, which includes oil-rich northwest Iraq, southwest Iran and southeast Turkey.

"Their aim is to set up a separate pro-Moscow state in Kurdistan," Inan says.

Turkish officials have been privately suggesting that some Kurdish elements were involved in the violent sectarian clashes last December at the southeastern town of Kahramanmaraş, which left 107 persons dead and hundreds injured. The government clamped down martial law, blaming extremists of the right and left for inciting violence.

The National Security Council, Turkey's highest body, publicly recognized for the first time in a formal fashion last week that separatist movements in neighboring countries are a threat to national integrity.

A debate is reported to be raging inside Ecevit's coalition government whether to extend martial law to additional Kurdish provinces when it comes up for two month renewal on May 3.

One of Ecevit's closest aides, State Minister Hikmet Cetin, born in a Kurdish area, is travelling to Iraq to discuss the problem.

The conservative opposition Justice Party, led by former Premier Suleyman Demirel has criticized Ecevit for not extending measures to the entire area. One month ago it opposed renewal of martial law claiming it was inadequately applied.

But at the same time, Demirel says there is no such thing as a Kurdish problem.

"We are all brothers, the people love each other... There is just one state... The official language is Turkish," Demirel stressed in an interview. "People will never agree to be spoiled or disintegrated. Turkey will stand united. But this doesn't mean there isn't provocation."

Demirel suggests "Communism is working for the division of Turkey."

The Turkish army crushed Kurdish uprisings in 1925, 1930 and 1937, when they revolted against the infant republic of Kemal Ataturk. The Treaty of Sevres in 1920 had provided for an independent Kurdish state after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire but it was never ratified.

Ataturk often denied the existence of Kurds, saying there were only "mountain Turks." He made teaching of Turkish compulsory in all schools of the east.

But some Turkish officials in the rugged mountainous region today still have to use interpreters to communicate with the minority.

However, in recent years there has been some relaxation of the cultural blackout Kurdish publications were allowed to sprout. More Kurdish songs are heard on national television, which now refers to them as "ethnic minorities."

Most students of the Kurdish problem do not believe a strong separatist movement can develop rapidly in the eastern provinces.

Nur Yilmaz, a Harvard University anthropologist teaching presently at Istanbul's Bosphorus University, points out the Kurds are separated by the rugged geography, different dialects, and tribes, a Sunni majority and Shiite minority, and political coloring from the right to the extreme left.

Yilmaz also notes an increasing drift toward urban areas by many Kurds, who have invested in jobs, land and other property away from their underdeveloped region. He estimates that perhaps up to 12 million persons out of Turkey's 44 million speak Kurdish.

Many Kurdish Turks have risen to prominence, including the late President Ismet Inonu. President Fakhri Kouturk, many army generals are said to have Kurdish blood.

"The Kurds in Turkey find society more easy to assimilate, and many of them feel they are part of the Turkish nation," says a Western diplomat who has travelled through the area. (AP)



Nuclear controversy in U.S.

By H. Josef Hebert

WASHINGTON —

Following the near-disaster at Three Mile Island, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is faced with restoring its credibility and public confidence.

The five-year-old agency is going through the most crucial time in its history, with investigations into the accident at the nuclear plant in Pennsylvania expected to put the NRC on trial.

"Congress is going to ask, 'can we depend on these people?'" said a prominent nuclear physicist, who is a supporter of the NRC and a key member of its advisory committee on reactor safety.

"It's a crucial time for them," he added, asking not to be identified by name. All five commission members are to appear this week at what is expected to be the first of a number of congressional hearings into the accident.

President Jimmy Carter's special commission to look into the Three Mile Island accident also will focus on the agency's performance as it examines the accident and "the nature and adequacy of the response... by all levels of government," according to a White House document.

The mere appointment of a presidential commission, say some NRC supporters, will undercut the regulatory agency.

Established in 1975, the NRC is charged with licensing nuclear plants, regulating their operation, and taking action when violations occur. Its predecessor, the now-defunct Atomic Energy Commission, officially promoted nuclear power, but the NRC does not.

The agency's strongest critics claim the NRC has maintained, as one has said, "a mystifying, obstinate enthusiasm" for nuclear power at the expense of protecting the public. Many of its key staffers as well as Chairman Joseph Hendrie are former Atomic Energy Commission officials and strong advocates of atomic power, these critics argue.

Human rights in Ethiopia

By David Ottaway

ADDIS ABABA —

Infuriated by charges in the West of human rights violations the military government in Ethiopia has reacted with bitter attacks on the "narrow" Western definition of rights. It has charged that the issue is being used to discredit the Ethiopian revolution.

The controversy raises some fundamental questions about the meaning of human rights at a time of revolutionary change that countries like Ethiopia and Iran are undergoing.

Ethiopia is one of nine countries that have been singled out by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights because of persistent allegations of major rights violations.

The military government argues that it has done more in five years for the social and economic advancement of the vast majority of Ethiopians, namely the peasants, than anything done during the 2,000 years of monarchy that ended with the late Emperor Haile Selassie's overthrow in September 1974.

The issue came to a head early last month in Geneva, where the U.N. Human Rights Commission aired a report of the London-based organization Amnesty International on the situation in war-ravaged Ethiopia since the onset of the revolution.

Amnesty, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977, has accused the provisional military government of "a consistent pattern of flagrant violations of fundamental human rights" ever since it came to power.

Since the revolution began, there has been an enormous amount of bloodshed as royalists and civilian leftists battled with the military for control of the country and Somali and Eritrean rebels struggled for independence from the crumbling 2,000-year-old empire.

Tens of thousands have been killed in half a dozen internal and external conflicts and human rights have taken a battering from all sides.

The country has gone through periods of "red terror" and "white terror" as pro- and anti-military factions organized assassin squads and killed off each other's supporters in the streets of the capital and other towns.

In its report, Amnesty International charged among other things that the military government is still holding at least 360 political prisoners without trial. Some, it said, have been in prison for more

than four years. Although the agency's performance at Three Mile Island has been praised, it also was marked by early confusion and conflicting statements. Furthermore, the causes for the accident — a broad range of human, mechanical and design flaws — opened questions about the NRC's monitoring procedures.

Professor Henry Kendall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says the NRC "has betrayed the public trust... (and) subordinated the problems of safety to the protection of the industry."

Kendall, a founding member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, which has been highly critical of the NRC, said the agency over the years has fought an attempt to lower radiation standards, lobbied against lifting the ceiling on insurance in a nuclear accident, and "misrepresented the public on the hazards of nuclear power plants."

NRC spokesman Frank Ingram denies that any of the five commissioners or key staff members compromise their roles as regulators to promote nuclear power. One NRC source says that Hendrie has become particularly angry at what he believes to be unfair accusations.

Neither the five commissioners nor key staff members were available for interviews. Ingram said they are "too busy" dealing with Three Mile Island and preparing for congressional hearings.

Representative Morris Udall, who will conduct some of those hearings and who has been a critic of the agency, believes, however, that a number of recent NRC decisions may indicate a tougher attitude on the future of the agency toward the nuclear industry.

Udall's aides cite the NRC closing last month of five nuclear plants in the east to check for the potential for earthquake damage, and its earlier rejection of the so-called "Rasmussen Report," which for years had been a guide to nuclear power plant safety. — (AP)

saudi press review

"As the Arab League is moved from Cairo to Tunis, it should also change in structure and intent," according to "Al-Madina".

"We are in need of a League that is truly independent, and which can exercise its powers more effectively than has been the case," the paper said. It called on the Arab states to strengthen the League to "make it a powerful force in Arab affairs and become a reliable instrument of Arab policy."

"We cannot go on like this. We must support the frontline states morally and materially and help them achieve their objectives. We have to act and carry out the Baghdad resolutions and restore Arab solidarity which has been missing for so long."

According to "Al-Riyadh" the transfer of the Arab League from Cairo to Tunis "is a golden opportunity to fortify it and give it greater powers and moral authority in Arab affairs. At present

member states are not bound by its resolutions and it is not unusual to violate its directives. This is not a recent development," the paper said. "It has been the case all along with one state dominating the League. We want the League to be strong enough to take a deterrent action against any transgression of Arab unity and identity as Egypt did lately. Membership should not be confined to attending meetings," the paper said, "but should mean a firm commitment to the League's charter and a pledge to uphold its resolutions."

"The League's past was characterized by a string of tragedies as its charter and resolutions were so routinely flouted as to go unnoticed. This should not mark its future."

Discussing the use of force to secure "vital interests" in the oil states as advocated by American sources recently, "reminds us of the law of the jungle," said

"Al-Nadwa".

"We thought that the age that produced such an abominable mentality had passed for ever."

"That was the time when rapacious western imperialists used brute force to exploit the people of their colonies. Talking about using force to secure vital interests is strongly reminiscent of Hitler's 'vital sphere' in rationalizing his aggressions. How can one explain the overweening arrogance of those who advocate such a policy."

"The Gulf oil belongs to the Arabs and, before being any body's vital interest, it is the lifeblood of the oil themselves. They will defend it in every way," the paper said.

"Those who talk of vital interests should realize that their statements are causing a great deal of instability in the area which truly stands on the brink of a volcano because of their policies."

"Okaz" welcomed President

Numeiri's announcement that his government does not support the separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. The paper took the statement as further evidence that real peace in the region cannot be restored without full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands including Jerusalem. "It is also proof that peace should be a just and comprehensive one."

"Al-Bilad" said that yesterday was the twenty-first anniversary of the Der Yassin massacre in Palestine "in which hundreds of Palestinians were murdered by the Zionist group led by Menahem Begin who was recently the co-recipient of the Nobel peace prize. This happens as some Arab media portray the same man as a champion of peace. It is one of the ironies of fate that some Arabs conveniently forget the blood that was shed by this terrorist in Palestine, the Golan, Sinai and southern Lebanon. They now call him a man of peace."

In another commentary "Al-Bilad" said that Palestine and Zimbabwe have a common problem.

"They are both victims of racist domination. Ian Smith and Menahem Begin share common characteristics principally that of terrorism." As U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said, the proposed elections in Rhodesia are illegal because Smith wants to solve the country's problem in his own way which denies the majority of Africans their legitimate rights. Begin is also trying to solve the Palestinian problem as that of a merely ethnic minority who have no connection with the country which he has expropriated."

Another "Madina" columnist severely criticized the decision to buy diesel-powered buses for the newly formed public transport company. The writer said that "it would be better to do away with the company if the price is going to be so high in health hazards."

Besides, we are a rich oil country, why can't we use gasoline to run our buses. We were hoping that

the proposed company was meant to solve some of our problems, but it seems that it will compound said.

them. Stop the company until you have the right buses," the writer said.



— We shall plant trees in the desert. — Better make it hair — Al-Riyadh

OASIS

By Anne Estes

DHAHRAN — Most of Saudi Arabia is located in one of the harshest deserts in the world. Some look out their windows to see vast fields of sand and rock; perhaps the view is relieved by bulldozers and the like, harbingers of new construction throughout the Kingdom. For a builder or an engineer, this sight may be the most beautiful thing in the world. For those with a lust for a glimpse of greenery and a little tranquility, however, the scene resembles the surface of the moon, awesome and severe.

Fortunately, most houses have small scraps of lawn which provide ample space for garden growers. Even the most brown-thumbed beginners can succeed in creating a garden that will produce good things to eat and, with artfulness, be a place of beauty.

This is the heartening view of Peter Goddard, a 33-year-old landscape supervisor from England, who has spent the past year beautifying the Dhahran International Airport with green lawn, pink-flowered cleander shrubs, periwinkles and palms.

"Everyone gardens in England," says Goddard. "They almost have to, as the price of vegetables is so high."

Goddard is not one to garden only for food. He finds it a challenge to make the desert blossom.

Perhaps it is the sameness of the desert landscape that moves Goddard to experiment with different garden motifs. "I'd like to see more done with rockeries," he says, "as that's one shortage we don't have. Of course, you would have to be careful not to build the rocks up so high as to lose the soil, and you might have to search for the proper plants."

Talking with Goddard, one becomes infected with his optimism, and yes, you even begin to believe that it is actually possible to grow anything in Saudi Arabia. Anything, that is, excluding such delicate and difficult plants as roses, Japanese bonsai trees and formal English-style gardens.

Some older homes on the airport support beautiful gardens full of trees, grass, flowers and vegetables. The plants are hardy ones, and the soil has been built up over the years into a rich dirt, says Goddard. It takes about 15 years of continuous cultivation to enrich the sand sufficiently for good growth.

Still, minor miracles can happen sooner, especially if one doesn't mind dirty hands and aching muscles. But to make a truly superb garden you must understand your materials and follow a few basic rules, Goddard warns.

The conditions that traditionally define a desert — lack of water, a hot sun, sandy soil and, in the case of Saudi Arabia, a stiff wind much of the time — are the four things that will cause a garden to go to rack and ruin. With foresight, these problems can be overcome.

The best location here for a garden is the south side of a building



Pruning cleander, a popular shrub because of its tolerance to harsh growing conditions.

or wall, as this provides the best sunlight, and more importantly, protection from the drying winds. Wind lifted by a windbreak generally moves a distance approximately three times the height of the windbreak before reaching ground again. Some gardeners notes Goddard, construct tunnels made of plastic to protect their plants.

Goddard also recommends sloping the garden away from the house or wall to avoid possible drainage problems. Underlying most of the Eastern Province, for example, is a plateau of rock that in some places is covered by only a few inches of sand. This rock layer traps water, which causes root rot, which in turn causes all your hard work to be for naught.

Though purists might object to his methods, Goddard says preparing the bed is a relatively simple matter. "To do it perfectly, you would have to excavate through four feet of rock. What I do is grade the area, get the rock and rubble out, and bring in a mix of sweet sand (clean sand) and animal manure and spread it four to six inches thick over the bed." The manure is usually camel, as it is readily available, and is good to help build up the soil.

Manure alone, however, will not be enough to fertilize a garden for a growing season. The most reliable course is to use well-balanced chemical fertilizers in the spring and autumn to ensure the plants get the necessary nutrients.

Outside of having a good windbreak, proper watering is the secret to a successful garden. Because the sun's rays are so intense in Saudi Arabia, you should never water in the heat of the day, says Goddard. Whenever water lands on a bloom, leaf or vegetable, the sun will burn it severely. He suggests no more than one hour of irrigation early in the morning and in the evening.

The planting season in Arabia for flowers and vegetables extends

between September and January, expecting items such as cactus and some flowering vines, which may be planted at any time. Many available plants will not survive the summer heat, but with care will do credibly during the rest of the year. For the lazier gardener Goddard recommends easy-growth flowers like carnations, zinnias, periwinkles, marigolds, geraniums and dahlias, most of which will come through the summer with flying colors.

Most gardeners start their seeds indoors, in flats. The simplest way is to use peat moss cups, as these may be transplanted straight into the garden. The advantages are many — seeds which take a long time to germinate may be started ahead of planting time, and easily intimidated vegetables such as tomatoes will have a chance to toughen up before being placed outdoors.

Nevertheless, the diligent gardener, whether beginner or expert, would do well to keep a close eye on the plants once they have been transplanted outside. The soil, being mostly sand, provides excellent aeration, but irrigation will rapidly wash out fertilizers. Goddard advises adding a slowly decomposing soil amendment such as sawdust or garden compost.

For those facing the prospect of planting a small yard, Goddard suggests bypassing grass seed and going directly to plugs. Between the wind, birds, and the need for careful watering, he notes, it is difficult to manage grass seed here. Plugs, on the other hand, are clumps of grass, with roots, that are plugged into the ground approximately four to six inches apart. With some water and sun, these plugs soon send out runners that will produce a thick lawn.

Various flower and vegetable seeds are available in Al-Khobar and Dammam, but for clean sand, young plants, trees and grass, Goddard uses several nurseries in the Qatif area.



'HMS Pinafore' sails to comic success in Jeddah

By F.W. Rawling

JEDDAH — Following in the wake of "Patience," "The Mikado" and "The Merry Widow," "HMS Pinafore" sailed into Jeddah Monday night, dressed overall, the latest offering of the Jeddah Light Opera Society.

Jeddah audiences have come to expect high standards of production and performance, and a larger than usual first night crowd was not disappointed. It was good to see and hear the children, especially, responding to the funny business on the stage.

Gilbert and Sullivan operas have a wide appeal because they present amusing characters, have unsophisticated plots and, at the

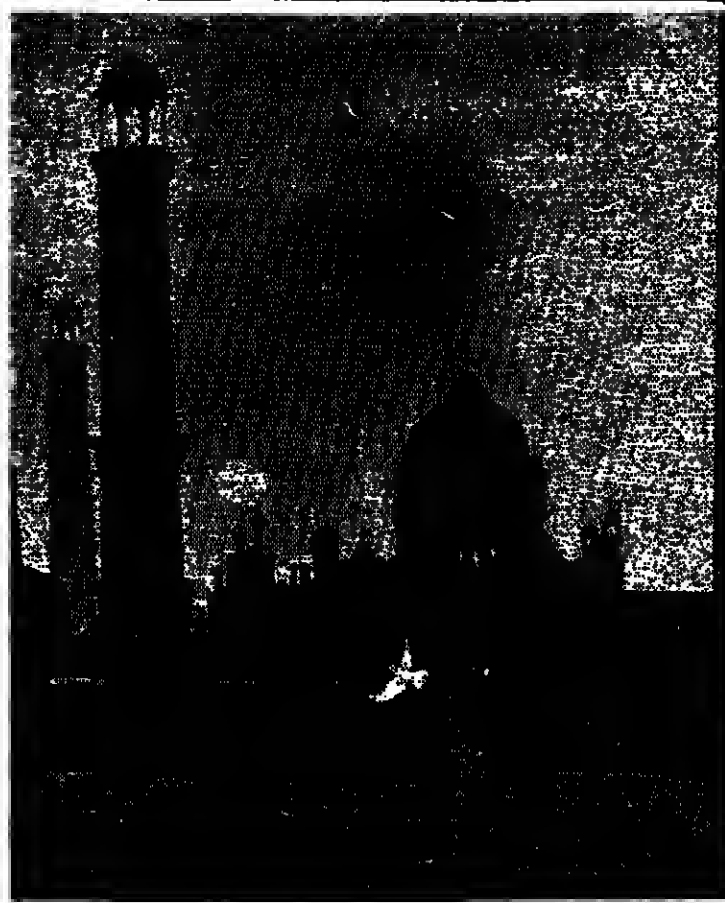
same time they contain some delightful music.

It is always the comic performers who get the most memorable songs and "Pinafore" is no exception. The satirical lyrics, too, are always easier to sing. Some of the romantic, solo music is difficult to perform and any weaknesses of pitch or purity of voice, if they exist, are readily exposed. It seems that both the composers and the singers are more at home with the light-hearted parts of the opera and this is true of audiences as well.

Both the lead singers, Josephine and Ralph Rackstraw (Beatrice Groom and George Minjarez) who moved and acted well and

Art show

Three works on display until April 12 at the Jeddah Fine Arts society's third annual exhibition by resident international artists at the Jeddah Dome. Left, Kitty Peterson's acrylic canvas "Afternoon Sun"; above, Rachel Imah's "Friday Sunset"; and right, "Badshahi Mosque" by A.M. Weiss.



naturally, were noticeably more relaxed and thus more effective in the lighter passages. They are both veteran musical performers in Jeddah and they lend considerable authority and presence to the Society's productions.

The acting inventiveness of Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (Rupert Armitage), his range of gestures and facial expressions, his beautifully clear articulation of fast, polysyllabic lyrics and dialogue, were a delight to see and hear. It was a masterly effort, vastly enjoyed by the audience. Armitage should never be allowed to play a straight role.

Similarly, Captain Corcoran (Jim McGrath) acted and sang very competently, every word clearly and precisely expressed. Cousin Hebe (Eva-Maria Jones) appeared like a sharp-eyed little bird and gave a charmingly witty and attractive performance.

Little Buttercup (Rebecca Bodkin) sang powerfully with a fine, vibrant timbre and offered a convincing interpretation of the role.

The Boatswain (Vivian Brown) and the Carpenter (Charles Watson) with a particularly nauseous Dick Deadeye (Larry Cunningham) splendidly supported the principal performers.

The chorus was exceptionally good. Well drilled and in fine voice, they brought out the best in

the rousing ensembles. Claes Green, the Chorus Master (who himself looks like a clean-limbed, Victorian Englishman) is to be congratulated.

Robin King directed the orchestra firmly but sensitively and they gave him a balanced response.

The combined impression made by an attractive set, good sound and lighting and charming costumes was of a highly professional dedication to the demands of a fee paying audience. This is a compliment to the listeners and also to the performers themselves.

(Shows on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12 at the British Embassy Theater, at 8-30 p.m.)

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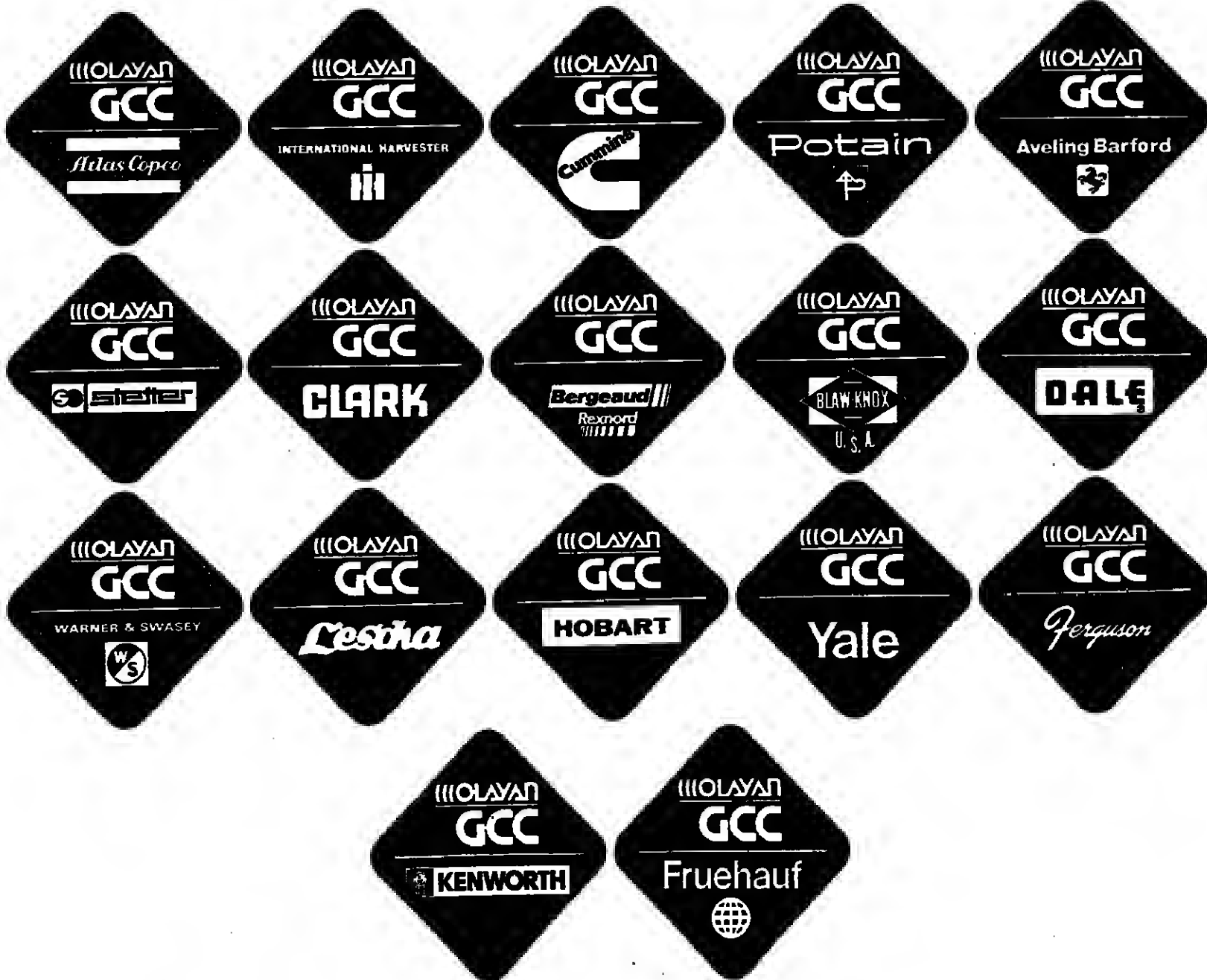
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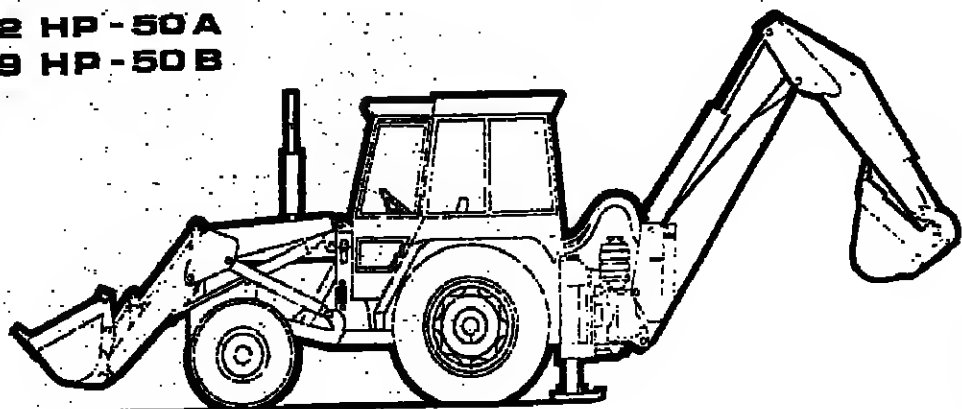
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Champions square up for today's Cup clash

Listless Cologne needs full fire-power for Forest

LONDON, April 10 (R) — West German champion Cologne, suffering an indifferent season in the Bundesliga, will need to be back to its sharpest form when it tackles England's Nottingham Forest in the first leg of their European Cup semi-final Wednesday night.

Cologne, guided by the midfield skills of Heinz Flohe, swept all before it last year, winning the West German soccer championship and the Cup.

Sadly it will be without the gifted Flohe against Forest. He has been out of action since Cologne beat Scottish champion Glasgow Rangers in the European Cup quarterfinals last month.

Midfielders Bernd Cullmann and Herbert Neumann missed last Saturday's League win against Schalke 04, but are expected to be fit for the game in Nottingham.

Neither Cologne nor Forest has ever won Europe's leading club competition, a statistic it shares with the two other semifinalists, Malmoe of Sweden and Austria Wien.

The Austrian champion, runner-up in the European Cup-winners' Cup last season, will be hoping — like Forest — to build up a substantial first leg in front of their home supporters.

Malmoe, conqueror of France's

English results

LONDON, April 10 (R) — Results of Tuesday's English soccer matches were:

Division Two

West Ham 1 Luton 0

Division Four

Stockport 2 Aldershot 2

Queens Park Rangers vs. Birmingham, Mansfield vs. Chesterfield, Bradford vs. Doncaster, Halifax vs. Hartlepool, Huddersfield vs. Barnsley all postponed.

Monaco, Dynamo Kiev of the Soviet Union and Poland's Wisla Krakow, has been the surprise club of the European Cup campaign.

Goalkeeper Jan Moller has been in superb form while striker Anders Ljungberg slammed home three goals against the Poles in the quarterfinals last month.

Midfield general Herbert Prohaska is the man Malmoe will have to shackle if they are to keep Wien's attack at bay.

The semifinal stages of the Cupwinners' cup and the European Football Union (UEFA) cup have also been reached, with West Germany dominating the second.

After the MSV Duisburg and Borussia Moenchengladbach clash in the UEFA Cup Tuesday, five semifinal matches are set for Wednesday.

Hertha Berlin must beat Yugoslav's Red Star Belgrade to guarantee an all-West German final.

Two intriguing battles seem in prospect in the Cupwinners' cup. Spain's Barcelona, complete with brilliant Austrian striker Hans Krankl, tackles Belgium's Beve ren.

The Belgian club, comprising part-time players, had its first domestic success last season when it defeated Charleroi in the Cup.

This season, it has shot to the top of the Belgian league. Goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff has been in inspired form, particularly in the quarterfinals when Beve ren knocked out Italy's Inter Milan.

The other semifinal sees yet another West German club, Fortuna Dusseldorf, up against Czechoslovakia's Banik Ostrava.

Banik, like Beve ren, is little known in Europe but pulled off a thrilling 5-4 aggregate win over East Germany's Magdeburg in the last round.



THROUGH: Cologne's Cup opponent Forest was on fine form Saturday in disposing of lowly Chelsea in the English First Division. Star striker Trevor Francis scores Forest's first goal as he shoots under Chelsea keeper Peter Borota. M. Drey is at left.

Malmoe can fell the Vienna giant

MALMOE, Sweden, April 10 (R) — Malmoe, the first Swedish club in the last four of the European Cup, is confident it can beat Austria Wien Wednesday to reach next month's final.

"We wanted to avoid England's Nottingham Forest and were delighted when they were drawn against (West German champion) Cologne," said Malmoe's manager Bob Houghton.

"Austria Wien were beaten finalists in last season's European Cupwinners' cup, but I don't think they are as strong as Cologne or Forest."

Malmoe plays the first leg in Vienna, having already knocked out the French, Russian and Polish champions.

Few experts would have rated their chances of reaching the last

four when the European Cup campaign began, but the Swedes have upset all the odds.

Houghton, a 32-year-old Englishman, has instilled a tremendous spirit in his players.

Houghton came to Malmoe after a bleak 1973 season when it finished sixth in the Swedish First Division.

"The only thing I knew about the team was that it had two good players, whom I had seen in the national team — Staffan Tapper and Bo Larsson," Houghton said.

But with his arrival came a new era of success, Malmoe winning the Swedish title in Houghton's first year.

"I think Swedish football is underestimated by the rest of Europe, and Malmoe has not been taken seriously enough before,"

Houghton said.

"We've played many good sides — and beaten them, too," Houghton added.

He especially remembers Malmoe's European Cup appearances in 1978, when it beat East Germany's Magdeburg to reach the last eight.

In the quarterfinals, Malmoe beat Bayern Munich, 1-0, in Malmoe, but lost 2-0 in West Germany.

"Swedish players are easy to organize tactically, and I'm fortunate to have a team who have the right attitude to football. They may not be as technically competent as other top European players, but they are tremendous competitors, as they showed against Polish champion Wisla," Houghton said.

New WBC rankings

Britain's Conteh scrapes tie with Burnett of U.S.

LONDON, April 10 (R) — Britain's John Conteh, former World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight champion, had to get up off the floor twice to scrape a draw with American Jesse Burnett in a 10-round contest here Monday night.

Conteh, tackling Burnett in the first of a series of fights designed to lead to a WBC title match with champion Marvin Johnson of the United States in the Autumn, was down at the end of the first round

and again after one minute of the eighth.

Both times he fought back, but referee Harry Gibbs' verdict of 98½ points each brought a storm of booing from the dinner-jacketed audience sitting beneath the chandeliers of London's Anglo-American Sporting Club.

Apart from the knock-downs, Conteh was in trouble on several other occasions. But Burnett, from Los Angeles, could not take full advantage of the openings he created.

In between his visits to the canvas, Conteh stole points with a left jab which generally out-reached Burnett, and referee Gibbs must have decided that his work-rate was sufficient to have earned him the draw.

In Mexico City, Chang-Hee Park of Korea was named Monday Boxer of the Month for April by the WBC for winning the flyweight title from Mexican Miguel Canto.

The WBC also made honorary mention of the super-welterweight title victory of Great Britain's Maurice Hope over Rocco Mattioli of Italy.

It also provided new rankings in each division. In the heavyweight, (U.S. unless stated otherwise), it is:

Champion: Larry Holmes. Won title: June 9, 1978. Last Defense: March 23, 1979.

Contenders:

1. Earnie Shavers
2. Ken Norton
3. Jimmy Young
4. Leroy Jones
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
6. Leon Spinks
7. Ossie Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
8. Mike Weaver
9. John Tate
10. Alfio Righetti (Italy).

Tulsa, Cosmos stay unbeaten in U.S. soccer

NEW YORK, April 10 (R) — Sammy Chapman, who starred in Shrewsbury's run to the last eight of the F.A. Cup, and fellow Briton Alan Green, a new recruit from Coventry, were the only players to score twice in the North American Soccer League weekend program.

Chapman's goals helped the Tulsa Roughnecks beat Minnesota Kicks, 3-1, but Green could not save the Washington Diplomats against the champion New York Cosmos.

The 90-minute game scored 2-2 but Senzolo of Portugal beat the Diplomats' northern Irish goalkeeper Bill Irwin in the "shoot-out" to give the Cosmos a 3-2 win. Green tops the league scorers with four.

Chapman's goals were watched by the Roughnecks' biggest ever crowd—21,114. A compatriot, Wayne Hughes, scored their other goal.

Tulsa is one of six clubs still unbeaten. The others are the Cosmos, Los Angeles Aztecs, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Chicago Sting and Houston Hurricane.

Dodgers extend win skein to 4 with Astros win

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — Joe Ferguson's run-scoring single and Bill Russell's solo home run powered Los Angeles to a 2-1 victory over Houston Monday night, ending the Astros' three-game season-opening winning streak and giving the Dodgers a four-gamer.

Dusty Baker doubled off Vern Ruhle to open the Dodgers' fifth and scored on Ferguson's single, ending a string of 26 scoreless innings by Houston pitchers. Houston tied it in the fifth on singles by Enos Cabell and Art Howe plus Alan Ashby's grounder but Russell homered in the sixth.

Jerry Reufs, obtained in a trade with Pittsburgh, relieved Los Angeles starter Bob Welch in the sixth inning and allowed one hit the rest of the way to get a save. The two combined on a four-bitter.

In the only other National League game, the Cincinnati Reds clubbed the winless Atlanta Braves, 9-4. The Pittsburgh-Philadelphia and Chicago-New York games were rained out.

American League

The Detroit Tigers defeated the Kansas City Royals, 7-3, in American League action.

Pitcher Tom Seaver and catcher Johnny Bench belted home runs as the Reds smashed Atlanta in the Braves' home opener. Seaver allowed seven hits and struck out 10 in eight innings as he stretched his career record against the Braves to 27-8. The Braves' runs came as a result of homers, a three-run blast by Gary Matthews and a bases-empty shot by Barry Bonnell.

Ron LeFlore drove in four runs



SOLO: L.A.'s Bill Russell watches it go. Monday night, his homer in the sixth inning powered the Dodgers past the Astros, 2-1, and ended Houston's three-game winning streak and string of scoreless innings by its pitchers.

with a double and a single as Detroit beat Kansas City. LeFlore doubled home Phil Mankowski and Alan Trammell for a 3-2 lead in the seventh inning and added a two-run single in the Tigers' four-run ninth.

West Coast

In a late West Coast game, Ruppert Jones drove in two runs

Major league standings

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — Standings in the major baseball leagues after Monday's games:

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	2	1	.667	—
Boston	2	1	.667	0
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	—
Detroit	1	1	.500	½
Cleveland	1	2	.333	1
New York	1	2	.333	1
Toronto	0	3	.000	2
West				
Minnesota	3	0	1.000	—
Texas	1	0	1.000	—
Kansas City	3	1	.750	½
Seattle	3	2	.600	1
California	2	2	.500	1 ½
Chicago	1	2	.333	2
Oakland	0	4	.000	3 ½
National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	2	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	2	0	1.000	—
Montreal	2	1	.667	½
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	1 ½
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
Houston	3	1	.750	½
San Francisco	3	1	.750	½
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	1
San Diego	1	3	.250	2 ½
Atlanta	0	4	.000	3 ½

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Jordan electricity Co. to get \$ 15 m loan

AMMAN, April 10 (R) — The Jordan Electricity Authority will obtain a \$15 million loan from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development under an agreement expected to be signed later this month, authority Director Ali al-Nsour said Tuesday. The loan will be used in building power stations in the Ghor al-Safi area, south of the Dead Sea to supply the nearby potash complex and 25 other villages with electricity, he added. He said that he and the head of the Planning Council Hanna Odeh recently returned from the United States after negotiating the loan with the International Bank.

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Talks on coffee promotion set

LONDON, April 10 (AP) — Talks on stepping up the International Coffee Organization's promotion campaigns will be held in London May 8-10, the ICO Secretariat has said. ICO Executive Director Alexandre Fontana Beltrao said Monday the ICO's 43 member states have already shelled out more than \$20 million toward "a drink" more coffee campaign in importing countries. Some of the money is being spent in Europe, especially West Germany. Coffee-importing countries do not contribute to the ICO Promotion Fund, levied on every bag of coffee exported since Oct. 1, 1976. The importing countries have told the ICO their national professional associations were willing to match ICO promotion grants dollar for dollar.

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<p>Memor Apr 6 AR Tasog Fan Ris Indian Prosperity Hellenic Vitor Lilliana Mercantile Ambassador</p> <p>City of Winchester Bahrain President Monroe Emily Moon Nigeria Venture Apr 5 Grand Navigator Singapore Dane Optima Jeddah St Louis Singapore Nedlloyd Loire Ibn Maim Methide Maarak Bender Shapour Bahrain Lala Mosul Apr 6 Premier Arctic Apr 7 Han Bori Apr 6 Merzario Galia Kuwait Hoegh Pilot Mercury Bay Sophie II Seaspeed Asia</p> <p>Naseem AR Jota Ammon Seaspeed Asia Skyros Mar 30 Seaspeed Asia Iona Maru Ibn Hayyan Saudi Moon 1 Alalman-Power Wild Liana Golden Arabia Tokio Express Golden Light Seaspeed America Singe Seta Arabia Morzario Pansa Nigeria Venture Conti Belgica Bursidish Aggie Pacific Apr 10 Putani Maru Apr 1 Jeff Davis Maritime Resource Blanka Lionhardt Harjo Kosta Stamenkovio Asia Momo Arya Dad Zumbel</p>	<p>Salah Apr 4 Dubai Ion Asakir United Concord Apr 4 Kuwit Kimshige Maru Tamsno Kulbar Per 5 Auto Gulf Apr 5 Arihan Maldiva Express Apr 6 Sharjah Kitoan Maru Eal Coral Eleurora Faser Veruka Kachhapl Jeddah Pearl of the Gulf (yacht) Captain X, Kyriakou Apr 1 Djordjura Apr 2 Bucharest Ames (TUG) Eberhart Easberger Tasog Tasog Maru Nipponham Maru No. 1 Khanagani Najd Apr 3 Jetta Apr 4 Nikolai Barastashvili el Gavilan Vishva Siddhi Apr 5 Frisa Fermanadamma Zahari Stomov Apr 6 Diana Clausen Al Dowlat</p> <p>Mittra Stella AR Lena V Elettra IV Troutenfeld Apollonia Syracuse Cagliari Apr 4 Cap Lardier Canal El Suez Gaz Progress Apr 4 Pop Sity Eva Danelson (ex Armo Express) Tex Primorje Fayal Dobrush Apr 5 Dona Rita Lutz Jacob Apr 6 Good Viding Strumel Maru Madras Vibekke Vesta</p>	<p>Andres C. Apr 6 AR Ammon Adzhariya Solano Leo Star Azerbaydzhian Sava Allancon Leader Elizabeth Lykos AIN SUKUNA AR Al Ardhiyah Apr 6</p> <p>Tanio Mar 27 AR Livara</p> <p>Kasuga Maru Apr 1 Japan Ion Bassam Dana Optima Apr 2 Dubai Dana Optima Chastina Maarak Abu Dhabi Tasog Rochester Res Tanura Tasog Greenwich Singapore Ping Chau Apr 3 Doha Easi Sila Durban Wolcor City of Winchester British Kennet Ibn Khalikan Apr 4 Damman Auto Gulf Rehab Citta Di Savona Botany Bay Kingfisher Sirius Grigoris C IV Damman Ion Hsom Apr 6 Doha Troil Forest Apr 7 Dubai</p> <p>Isra AR Mozir Mar 30 Neval Mar 31 Kathe Denoscent Mar 31 Edda Apr 1 Short-Horn Express Aruda Einer Frem Kyo Jin Apr 5 Lucy Morlang Mette European Freedom Akademik Artsimovich Acacia Confidence Janne Silvana Apr B Pain Chastina Maarak Wisteria Apr 7 Turkey Tidra Halcoussi Sun Emerald Aegis Mystic Ocean Apr B Kenkung Ronneburg Phendian</p>	<p>Prehu Daya AR Strathdon Tunisian Reeler Unibahsh</p> <p>Josetta Mar 26 AR Venezuela M. Apr 1 Ariadne Apr 2</p> <p>Tito Campanella AR Nin Brook Mar 27 Tayab Belgian Express Fulmar Belorusia Mikolova Milano Quarazata Chastina Kant Sierra Zana Sierra Gracht Emanuel Ochrida Fhrtrader Sylvia Delta Fred Eversard Mikhail Kadrov Luvcon</p> <p>Isra AR Mozir Mar 30 Neval Mar 31 Kathe Denoscent Mar 31 Edda Apr 1 Short-Horn Express Aruda Einer Frem Kyo Jin Apr 5 Lucy Morlang Mette European Freedom Akademik Artsimovich Acacia Confidence Janne Silvana Apr B Pain Chastina Maarak Wisteria Apr 7 Turkey Tidra Halcoussi Sun Emerald Aegis Mystic Ocean Apr B Kenkung Ronneburg Phendian</p>	<p>Madras AR Equador India</p> <p>Zenit AR Kapitan Tomson Sunny Maidia Shreya Apr 4 Boradi Pole Loyalty Apr Willa Sum Broken Apr 3 Piva Clydenes Fred Eversard Olga Bravo Apr 5 Sunny Med Apr 6 Anglian Merchant</p> <p>Strathdon AR Seaspeed Asia Strathmore Holori Apr 5 Panatollon Apr 6 Grand Navigator Apr 7</p> <p>Dana Optima AR Anchises Apr 6 Ahmed Al-Fateh Apil Chou Singapore Bander Abbas Express Doha Krk Capetan Manolia Mozmanolis Feax Jeddah Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Jebel Dhanina AR Jaina Apr 3 Opportunity Armer Mura Apr 4 Mizahima Nai Motein Japan Daisy Das Island Emerude Apr 7 Saint Nazaire</p> <p>Auto Gulf AR Ivan Kufir Apr 4 Hellenic Vitor Ibn Sina Kammik Young Soldier Dana Optima Bola No. 1 Ibn Majid Khorramshah Albion Al Fajirah Apr 5 Umm Said Whita Coral Asia Palho Damman Strathmore Ibn Sasan Saleema Apr 6 Grigoris Darien Merzario Galia Ibn Khalikan Apr 7 Bahrein KOSSER</p> <p>Star of Kuwait AR Kharj Island AR</p> <p>Macra Apr 3 AR Brazilian Peace Apr 4 Brazil Point Tupper Brazil Al Badiah Koyai Lopeta Shima Maru World Truth Apr 5 Brazil</p>	<p>Abu Dhabi AR Bushira USA Damman Suez Varna</p> <p>Isa Maru AR Dalma World Canada</p> <p>LA GOULETTE AR Nabehna Apr 6 Kanytis Esterina Polyvos Bosaccio Daphne Habib Tozeur La Durance Da Jin Chuan NINA ABDULLA</p> <p>Al Wataniah Apr 3 AR Arabian Gulf</p> <p>Shuyo Maru Apr 4 AR Dana Island Kerchi Takamiya Maru Apr 4 Jebel Dhanina Japan Coomus Tokuh Maru Kaohsiung Aulica</p> <p>Mina Jebel AR Aspia Apr 4 Mombasa</p> <p>Mina Khaled AR Mina Khaled</p> <p>Golden Minerva Mar 26 AR Matheuppe Khalijah Mar 26 Turquoise Bounay Usumbara Lone Terkil Sea Tiger Mar 30 Skulptor Ziltains Arctic Mariner Ulster Star Arya Ralshn</p> <p>Hual Jasmine Apr 1 AR Jeddah Seatrains Amsterdam Apr 3</p> <p>Mina Quaboo AR Bahrain Mar 27 Topusko Noor Jehan Kyo Lin Mar 29 Golden Fortune Mar 29</p>	<p>Ulsan AR Tochig Maru Mar 30 Karachi Dahlin Maru Nedlloyd Streeterk Mar 31 Young Soldat White Coral Karachi</p> <p>Panayenia Getty Mar 31 AR Japan</p> <p>Panagia Spiliani Apr 4 AR Maldiva Victory Wiedlawow Apr 5 Stamenfals Apr 6 Foderisermme Arya Dad</p> <p>Chang Shu AR Jeff Davis Apr 3 Comodo Purist Vieuxau Olympic Grace Apr 6</p> <p>RUWAS AR AR Vortex Breeze Apr 7 Singapore</p> <p>SAFAGA AR AR Marie L. Apr 4</p> <p>SEA ISLAND AR AR Dina Ned Majorda Valeria Mar 27 Nabeul Elkouda Marie U Houison Torne Apr 3 Al Baker Terminal Arneaba Verone Mar 28 Vesaggio Iron Imant Sudmets Mar 28 Merseilles Ksar El Boukhari Veleka Mar 30 Christopher S Nea Karvel Alphilles Susa Mantindyle Mar 31 Speads</p> <p>Marie Bella Mar 23 AR Laurent Schiaffino Rouen Viegna Marko Milat Nicos V Pashkhitia Mar 24 Alexandria Vargoglio Lanette Apr 4 Hakul Island</p>	<p>Stamenis AR Sibank Besrah Bomabay Des Island General Zhdanov Mar 28 Kuwait</p> <p>Nepture Aries AR Bander Mashour Kuwait</p> <p>Oriental Trade AR Napure Orion Mar 30 Karachi</p> <p>Kota Timur Mar 31 AR Karachi</p> <p>Roi Igazua Apr 1 AR Karachi</p> <p>Raf Ahmed Kidwai AR Tasog</p> <p>Cape Orangel Apr 2 AR Tasog</p> <p>Orion Navigator Apr 3 AR Karachi</p> <p>Brooklyn Apr 8 AR Barcelona</p> <p>Adriatic AR Kuwait</p> <p>Magali Apr 4 AR Estelina La Goulette Apr 5</p> <p>SAF AR AR Olego Apr 2 Good Explorer Casablanca</p> <p>TURKE-LA GOULETTE AR Babe Apr 1 Magali Apr 2 Phanix Rafal Siba Breda Apr 6 Rijeka Verone Mar 28 Umm Said AR Wakanami Maru Apr 4</p> <p>WADI FERIAN AR Francos Hammet Apr 8</p>	<p>SUEZ CANAL AR Alamriah Apr 2 Madiran Karia Lash Atlantic Apr 4 Solana Kos Caribic (TUG) Apr 5 Shellina Indian Progress Apr 6 Andria C TH Prosperity Apr 7 Jagat Vijeta</p> <p>Confidence Express AR Bahrain</p> <p>Stamenfals AR Damman</p> <p>Al Shuwaib AR Australia</p> <p>Holcor Mar 30 AR Hodeidah</p> <p>Troil Forest AR Damman</p> <p>Mahavijah AR Damman</p> <p>Paragot Apr 3 AR Assab</p> <p>Gutanfals AR Damman</p> <p>Stonewall Jackson AR Agaba</p> <p>Nikolay Nekrasov AR Jeddah</p> <p>Ocean Lion AR Jeddah</p> <p>Ville de Bordeaux AR Jeddah</p> <p>Khan Sea AR Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Casilda Del Mar Apr 4 AR Jeddah</p> <p>Irish Rowan AR Bahrain</p> <p>Elena AR Iraq</p> <p>Nicolas AR Jeddah</p> <p>Trident AR Persian Gulf</p> <p>Thomas Maarak AR Persian Gulf</p> <p>Driver AR Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Demetrios C. Apr. 6 AR Hodeidah</p> <p>Vinland AR Jeddah</p> <p>Anglie Express AR Jeddah</p> <p>Formulus I AR Salalah</p> <p>Nysla AR Jeddah</p> <p>Oceanic Renown AR Persian Gulf</p> <p>Laraba Apr 7 AR Jeddah</p> <p>Montomuro AR Iraq</p> <p>Fathulhair AR Dubai</p> <p>Strathaird AR Kuwait</p> <p>Andros Titan AR Persian Gulf</p> <p>Energy Resource AR Persian Gulf</p>
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CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

Vessels	Name of Working the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	FORT NELSON	REZAYAT	M. HOUSES / GENERAL	6.4.79
3	HAN BORI	O C E	STEEL / TIMBER / GEN	8.4.79
6	ARYA SUN	A E T	GENERAL	9.4.79
8	PREMIER ARCTIC	ORRI	GENERAL	7.4.79
11	NEW SHINE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	3.4.79
16	KUBBAR	KANOO	GENERAL	9.4.79
17	CHIEFTAIN	GULF	GENERAL / STEEL	4.4.79
18	MELPO	GULF	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	5.4.79
19	KAPETANIKOS	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	1.4.79
21	BARO (D.B.)	BARBER	BULK CEMENT	9.4.79
26	NINDIAN PROSPERITY	GULF	GENERAL	6.4.79
26 S	MERCURY BAY	KANOO	FROZEN CHICKEN / BEEF	8.4.79
27	SOPHIA — II	GULF	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	7.4.79
28	EASTERN OCEAN	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	6.4.79

VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH MORLANG HEIDI KANOO GENERAL 26.3.79

2- RECENT ARRIVALS			
ARYA SUN	A E T	GENERAL	9.4.79
MAHABHARAT	SOEASIA	GENERAL	9.4.79
REICHENFELS	ALIREZA	RO-RO / CONTAINERS	9.4.79

3- VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS			
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UNITED CONCORD	S E A		
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AUTOUWF	KANOO		
SEATRAN LONDON	ALQURAISHI		
QUANJIN	ORRI		

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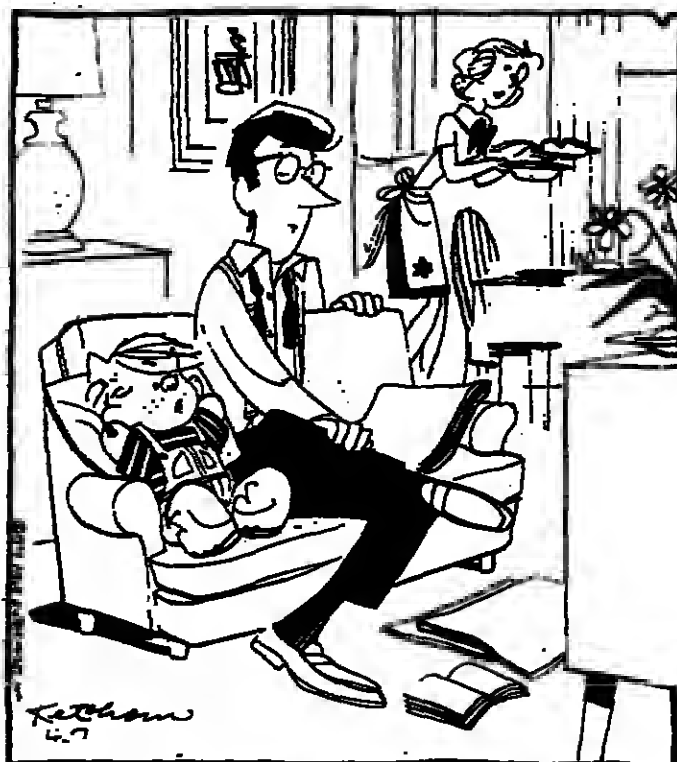
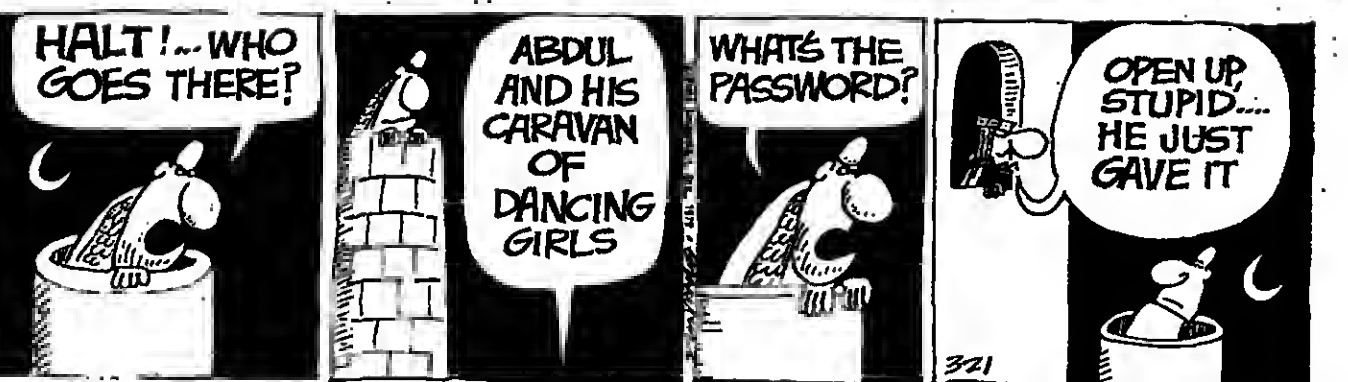
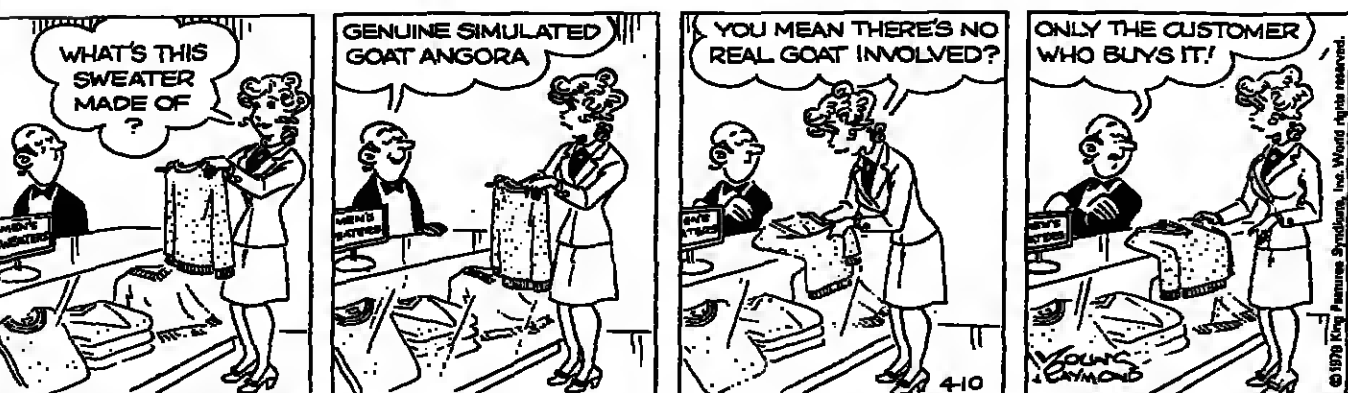
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1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
1 A	—	—	—	—
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4	—	—	—	—
5	Vivien	Alireza	General/Containers	9/4/79
6	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—
8	—	—	—	—
9	Adib	O.C.E.	Reefer	6/4/79
10	—	—	—	—
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12	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—
14	Dona Sophie	Barber	Timbar	9/4/79
15	Blue Maru	Baabdoud	Sesame Seed	9/4/79
16	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—
18	Four Flags	Rolaco	Bulk cement	6/4/79
19	Grana	Alsbah	Bulk cement	26/3/79
20	Maritima Alliance	Baroom	Bagged cement	26/3/79
21	Lataba	Ster Nev.	Reefer	8/4/79
22	Flani II	A. A.	Bagged cement	5/4/79
23	—	—	—	—
27	Filipinas Saudi I	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation ship	—
38	Aetos	M.T.A.	Ro Ro	9/4/78
39	Ilse	Red Sea	General / Containers	9/4/79
40	Nikolaos	O.C.E.	Reefer	8/4/79
41	Katle	Abushal	Loading Flour	8/4/79
42	—	—	—	—
43	—	—	—	—
44	Oimritoe 'K'	Ster Nav.	Reefer	6/4/79
2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
Lataba	Siar Nav.	Reefer	9/4/79	
Blue Maru	Baabdoud	Sesame Seed	9/4/78	
Dona Sophie	Barber	Timbar	9/4/78	
Aetos	M.T.A.	Ro Ro	10/4/79	
Oimritoe Formanov	A.E.T.	General/Rice	10/4/79	
3- VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS				
Sinad 1	Algoselbi	General	10/4/79	
Man Tat	Anso	General/Containers	10/4/79	
Golfo O'Aden	Abdallah	Oil Cake/Durra	10/4/79	
Corinthian Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	10/4/79	
Ever Humanity	Algoselbi	Containers	10/4/78	
Muncester Castle	A.E.T.	Containers	10/4/79	
Seatrains Amsterdam	Madco	Loading containers	10/4/79	
Cap Lardier	Alpha	Ro Ro	10/4/79	
Hellenic Explorer	Alpha	Containers / Ro Ro / General	10/4/78	
Barbar Toba	Barber	General / Lub. Oil	10/4/79	
Finix	A.E.T.	—	—	—

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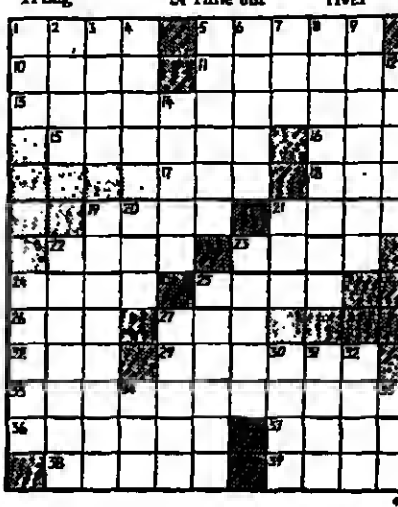
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39 Nether-
40 lands
41 river



Yesterday's Answer

13 Musical works
23 Israeli airport
25 "East of Eden" character
28 Onen
29 Noted clergyman
31 Time out
32 Set at intervals
34 Sour
35 Instance
36 Building wings
38 Vitality
39 Nether-lands
40 lands river



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all clues. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

BJV JFWOS KQ NORSVCOCH
SK LBROM PCX KQ XGVFLOCH
FWKBS OS YGVXORYKRV
KCV SK NKPV. — RSVXJFJN

Yesterday's Cryptquote: CONCEIT IS JUST AS NATURAL A THING TO HUMAN MINDS AS A CENTER IS TO A CIRCLE. — OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

WEST EAST
♠ 10 9 4 3 ♠ 8 5
♥ Q 8 ♥ A 10
♦ 8 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 ♣ K J 8 7 3 2

South bidding: ♠ 4 7, ♥ 7 5 4 3 2, ♦ Q 7 5, ♣ Q 10.

The bidding: North Pass, East 1NT, South 2♦, West Pass.

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred in the match between Venezuela and Mexico during the 1977 Caribbean team of four championship. It features exceptionally good defense by Mario Onorati, who held the East cards for the victorious Venezuela team and managed to defeat four hearts. North's one club bid was artificial and indicated at least 16 high-card points. South's one notrump response showed at least 8 high-card points, as well as notrump distribution. North's rebid of

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Wednesday Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca 4:52	6:10	12:29	3:53	6:41	8:11
Medina 4:50	6:04	12:30	3:58	6:44	8:14
Nejd 4:21	5:40	12:00	3:27	6:13	7:43

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

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Forecast for the next 24 hours:
The temperatures will decline over the eastern and central regions where surface winds will blow northeasterly to northwesterly at moderate to active speed, raising light dust occasionally. Chances of sporadic thundershowers persist over the southwestern region and parts of the central and eastern regions. Clear weather with low humidity over the western region, where surface winds will blow northwesterly at moderate speed.
Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to choppy in the Gulf.
Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca 35	24	Hail 28	12
Jeddah 33	23	Tabuk 27	13
Riyadh 37	24	Arar 27	14
Dhahran 38	21	Sulaybi 38	16
Medina 33	20	Yanbu 30	18
Taif 29	16	Abha 27	11

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Meccage to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion: Analyses	America; Science; Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
Special English:	VOA WORLD REPORT
News: Feature: The Making of a Nation	Midnight
9:00 News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers' voices
Music USA: (Standards)	reports background features media comments
9:30 News Roundup:	news analyses.
Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 *Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 *Take One
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 *Something to Show	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News Summary
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:00 World News	10:43 Look Ahead
12:09 British Press Review	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:15 World Today	11:00 World News
12:30 Financial News	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:40 Look Ahead	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show:	Midnight Transmission
Evening Transmission	12:15 Talkabout
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:45 Nature Notebook
1:30 Discovery	1:00 World News
2:00 World News	1:09 World Today
2:09 News about Britain	1:25 Financial News
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:35 Book Choice
2:30 Sports International	1:40 Reflections
2:40 Radio Newsreel	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:15 Promenade Concert	2:00 World News
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:09 Commentary
4:00 World News	2:15 The Face of England
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Your feelings about a partnership may undergo a transformation. Stuffed duties may point the way to closeness. Banish hidden doubts.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Mixing business with pleasure affords modest gains. Co-workers and employees may be under intense pressures. Keep emotions under control.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
If you'll take a creative chance, you may be surprised how deeply involved you get. Let those at home share your leisure moments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Let family members know what's on your mind. Home may be the best place for entertaining now. Don't let moodiness take hold.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Your mind may be already made up, and you're determined not to change it. Know the difference between fixed opinions and convictions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Concern about finances needn't lead to anti-social behavior. Money-making ideas needn't turn into an obsession. Check priorities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Don't be so self-preoccupied that you ignore the feelings of co-workers. Inner doubts may lead to a modification of behavior patterns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Loved ones may misunderstand your need for privacy. Be sure to consider their feelings. You're in the mood for intense self-scrutiny.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
There is a possibility you may run into an old friend to the near future. Domestic responsibilities may interfere with needs for social contact with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Attempts to flatter others may backfire. Be sincere. A business attitude towards finances works out best. Expect career changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Be sure to take account of financial resources before making travel plans. Trips made now will lead to a change in consciousness.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
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In pincer attack

Kampala showered with rockets

NAIROBI, April 10 (Agencies) — Tanzanian forces and Ugandan exiles rained rockets and shells on Kampala Tuesday as they launched a pincer attack aimed at capturing President Idi Amin's capital.

Kampala residents reported Chinese-made 122MM rockets whistling overhead and smashing into military installations, the main hospital and tree-lined residential suburbs.

While the sound of fighting drifted up from the main front line south of the capital, residents in the northernmost outskirts told reporters by telephone they had just shaken hands with Tanzanian officers leading their troops towards the city center. The Tanzanians were given a rousing welcome.

Diplomats in Nairobi said the invading forces appeared to be trying to pin down the city's defenders with the heavy bombardment while moving in infantry from at least two directions.

One diplomat in Kampala described the situation as desperate.

He said there was no electricity, water or food in the suburb where he lived. Some of his windows had been blown out by a mortar bomb which knocked down a wall in his garden.

Rockets and shells smashed into the main hospital on the northern hill of Mulago, killing one doctor and injuring several other people.

Also hit was the Makerere University complex, where troops loyal to Field Marshal Amin were billeted over the weekend as he regrouped his forces for a counter-attack.

Near the cathedral on Rugaga Hill, just west of the city center, a school received a direct hit. Although the roof was holed and the windows shattered, children walked to safety unharmed, a resident said.

Radio Uganda, virtually the only source of official information during President Amin's eight years in power, was off the air for most of the day.

When one transmitter was finally switched on as dusk approached, it sent out slow, soothing pop music but no news bulletins. One announcer said:

"We are unable to bring you the news. Here is some music."

The heaviest shell barrage erupted for 90 minutes as the day dawned. People still living in the largely dense city left from their beds to huddle under tables.

A second heavy barrage opened up just before noon.

The whereabouts of President Amin were not known. One resident said a convoy of five black Mercedes cars sped out of the city toward the eastern industrial town of Jinja during a lull in the shelling.

Uganda airport in ruins after Tanzanian assault

By Tony Avirgan

ENTEBBE, April 10 (AP) — Tanzanian army officers estimate that 400 Libyan soldiers were killed battling for Entebbe Airport after President Idi Amin's forces fled.

The airport, once Amin's main lifeline from his Libyan backers, suffered extremely heavy damage from several weeks of Tanzanian shelling and a final raid by Tanzanian MiG fighter-bombers.

It was captured by the Tanzanians after fighting Thursday and Friday.

Terminal buildings were further damaged as Tanzanian soldiers mopped up remaining Libyan defenders in door-to-door fighting.

On Sunday, a Libyan C130 military transport hit two days before by Tanzanian artillery, was still on the runway. Nearby were a damaged Ugandan Airways Boeing 707 and a dozen damaged Ugandan MiGs. Under a life-size painting of Amin on the main new terminal building were piles of rubble — broken glass, gift shop curios and office furniture. The litter spread onto the runways.

Tanzanian soldiers estimated that more than 7,000 Ugandan soldiers have been killed in the war so far, along with a smaller number of Tanzanians.

They attributed the surprisingly low casualty rate to the intermittent nature of the fighting and said Amin's soldiers often retreated immediately.

The Ugandan Army was highly mechanized and could operate only on the main roads, an officer said. "We would hide in the bush and the swamps and ambush them. Then Amin's soldiers would run away." "We captured a lot of equipment some of it new."

In the afternoon. He said he thought the president was in one of them.

There was no reliable information on how much resistance was being put up by Amin's troops.

Residents in southern suburbs said they could hear small arms fire from the Entebbe road, indicating that some was still fighting the invaders.

Diplomats said at the weekend that President Amin had brought down his reserve battalion, made

up of men from his own Nubian minority in northwest Uganda, to try to halt the advance on the capital.

Amin was believed to have started the war with total armed forces of 21,000 men. He is now believed to have only two battalions left intact, a total of about 2,000.

Diplomats in Dar Es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, estimated that Tanzania has about 12,000 men, or half its army, inside Uganda. Exile sources claim there are 20,000 anti-Amin Ugandans fighting alongside the Tanzanians, but other sources estimate there are 10,000 at the most.

In a separate development in Bonn, the West German government expressed "deep shock" Tuesday over the apparent slaying of four European journalists, two of them Germans, by Ugandan forces.

Spokesman Armin Gruenewald said the Bonn government condemned all such actions, no matter where they may have occurred.

The four, two Swedes in addition to the Germans, attempted to enter Uganda by boat last week to gain first hand information on the fighting.

The Amin government announced it had captured and executed four European "spies" in the area where the journalists were believed to have landed after crossing Lake Victoria.

EEC talks inconclusive on Turkish aid program

ANKARA, April 10 (R) — Turkey and the European Community Market Tuesday ended two days of talks without achieving any apparent breakthrough on boosting community aid to Turkey.

The talks in a mixed parliamentary commission dealt mainly with Turkish proposals submitted last November aimed at improving the shaky relationship between the EEC and Turkey, an associate member.

The Turkish delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Gunduz Okmen, has reiterated during the

talks Turkey's concern over possible future setbacks to its relations with the EEC after Greece's imminent full membership of the community.

In a coveys conference Tuesday Frankie Hansen, a Socialist parliamentarian from Luxembourg who co-chaired the meeting with Turkish Senator Orhan Vural, assured Turkey of the EEC's best intentions of helping it out of its economic difficulties.

But Hansen said EEC countries would not be able to give Turkey much material aid because they faced economic hardship themselves.

Hansen said the best the community could offer Turkey was 200 million West German marks (\$ 107 million) in grant aid and \$ 410 million worth of project credits.

Turkey's proposals to the EEC and included \$ 5 billion in economic aid, free movement rights for its workers in EEC countries and a gradual lifting of all tariffs on Turkish agricultural products.

The EEC commission and later the Council of Ministers considerably trimmed the economic aid and refused the free movement of Turkish workers.

Turkey's request for a five-year suspension of its obligations to the Community was accepted but the gradual lifting of tariffs on its agricultural exports was postponed until the end of this period.

Turkey has expressed its displeasure with these responses.

School outing

49 die in Spanish crash

ZAMORA, Spain, April 10 (AP) — Forty-six teenagers and three teachers were killed Tuesday when a Holy Week excursion bus carrying 60 people fell into the Origo River about 50 kilometers north of Zamora in central Spain.

Traffic police said the accident occurred when the bus left the

road on a curve and fell into the river near the town of Benavente.

It was the second school bus tragedy in four months in Spain.

On Dec. 21, 30 children riding in a school bus were killed when it collided with a locomotive at a grade crossing near Salamanca.



REFUGEES: Ugandans and foreigners living in Uganda cross into Kenya at Malaba to flee the fighting in their country. Tuesday Kampala was reported under attack by rockets and shells of the invading Tanzanian troops and Ugandan rebel forces. (AP photo).



SAFE: An Egyptian family reached Kenya in safety after escaping from the fighting in Uganda. (AP photo)

Over 1977 figures

Qatari investment up 6% in 1978

DOHA, April 10 (QNA) — Investments in industry and trade in Qatar, including the oil sector, amounted to 6,839.5 million Qatari rials last year, an increase of 6.3 per cent over the 1977 figure of 6,416 million rials. Statistics published Tuesday by

the Qatari English language weekly newspaper "Gulf Times" said that the volume of investments in ten oil companies amounted to some 1,968 million rials, while Qatar's share in four other companies outside the state amounted to 667 million rials.

Quoting statistics of the Economic and Trade Ministry, the paper said that some 26.5 million rials in oil companies owned by the state included the Poultry Organization and the hotels corporation.

There were 5,346 merchants and companies, as against 5,110 in the previous statistics.

The statistics noted that the number of foreign and local trade organizations in Qatar increased from 5,938 to 6,384.

Investment in the construction industry amounted to 649 million rials against 587.8 million rials in 1977, and the number of companies and contractors reached 462, as against 364.

From page one

Iran

("Today's Message") said he wanted to resign because the council had changed regulations it had drawn on the conduct of the tribunals.

But Entezam insisted at his press briefing that reports of Mobarresh's resignation were mere rumors.

About 1,300 political prisoners are awaiting trial in Tehran alone. All the hearings have so far been held in secret, but Entezam said he would try to persuade the Prosecutor's Office to allow journalists to attend.

The radio announced that three officers would go on trial here Wednesday accused of torturing political prisoners under the Shah. It appealed for the public to submit evidence to the Prosecutor's Office and said victims of the three would be given priority in attending the trial.

Pars meanwhile reported the arrest of former Senator Ali Dashti, 84, believed the oldest politician detained so far. He was instrumental in bringing the Shah's father to power in the

Carter

But it does not include the three-year, \$ 4.8-billion Carter requested Tuesday.

If approved by Congress, the legislation would provide Israel with 600 million dollars in grants for U.S.-supervised construction of two airfields to replace bases which Israel must relinquish in Sinai under the treaty.

It would also authorize \$ 2.2 billion in loans to Israel to buy military weapons and supplies.

For Egypt, the bill would authorize \$ 150 million to guarantee 1.5 billion in loans to buy military weapons and supplies, and \$ 300 million in economic assistance.

Weizman

Leader of the opposition Socialist Labor Party, Ibrahim Shukri, told a meeting of his party Sunday night, according to MENA, that future negotiations between Egypt and Israel should serve as a means to give the Palestinian people their right to establish their independent state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem.

In another development Egypt declared Tuesday that with a few exceptions it would not open up its borders with Israel until 15 months after the ratification of the peace treaty.

The declaration by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali came during the parliamentary hearing and appeared to qualify Begin's earlier statement that the two countries would announce the opening up of their borders when they meet in El Arish on May 27th.

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By the end of 1977-1978, there were also 5,916 telex lines in place. These were to increase by a further 30 percent in the present year.

Electricity capacity has grown to 3,819 million megawatts (thousand kilowatts) from mere 700,000 mw in 1970.

Two thousand kilometers of paved road were added to the network during the year and 3,500 kilometers of rural feeder roads. That brings the total to 18,000 kilometers of main road and 16,500 kilometers of feeder road.

Panic in packed five-floor store

Bucharest blaze claims up to 200

VIENNA, April 10 (Agencies) — Scores of people were feared killed or injured Tuesday when fire swept through a crowded five-story department store in central Bucharest.

Western diplomats mentioned unconfirmed reports of up to 200 casualties in the fire, at the Victoria Department Store in the city's congested old quarter.

There was no official casualty toll, and by mid-afternoon the official Romanian Agereps news

U.S. adjusts poverty line to \$ 6,700

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R) — The poverty level for an American family of four living in a city is \$ 6,700 a year, the government has announced.

Last year's figure was \$ 6,200. For rural families of four, the poverty line moved up to \$ 5,700 this year from \$ 5,270 in 1978.

The Census Bureau is still computing the number of people living in poverty last year. The 1977 survey showed 24.7 million people, or 11.6 per cent of the population, living below the poverty line.

agency had still not reported the fire.

Eyewitnesses said panic broke out when flames swept through the building.

Some people jumped from windows through a thick pall of smoke while others were evacuated by firemen using ladders.

Helicopters circled over the building in an apparent attempt to lift people from the roof of the building.

Officials said it took almost the entire Bucharest fire-fighting force more than two hours to extinguish the blaze.

Dozens of police threw a cordon around the area and prevented people from approaching the building.

Officials said the fire apparently started in a lift shaft on the second or third story of the building and quickly spread to the fifth floor.

According to unconfirmed reports a welding team was working on a broken lift just before the blaze started.

Witnesses said dozens of ambulances sped to the scene and one resident reported seeing several badly burned victims.

The store was built before the World War II when it was known as the Lafayette after a Paris store.

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